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'Set up 250 Indira Canteens in city'

BENGALURU
Ministers and legislators could be invited to have lunch at Indira Canteens, which would be helpful to keep a watch on the quality, BBMP officials were instructed on Monday, even as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah asked officials to start at least 250 canteens, one each in every ward of Bengaluru.

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CoWIN vaccination data out, govt. denies breach

Union IT Ministry says breached data were previously stolen but not from CoWIN portal; Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) set to investigate the issue and submit a report

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

After an alleged data leak of COVID vaccination beneficiaries, including several politicians, the Union Health Ministry on Monday said such reports were "without any basis and mischievous in nature". The CoWIN portal was completely safe with adequate safeguards for data privacy, it maintained.

Among those whose personal details were allegedly leaked are CoWIN chairman Ram Sewak Sarma (ID submitted for vaccination), senior BJP leader Meenakshi Lekhi and Congress general secretary K.C. Venugopal (location at which they got vaccinated), and Kerala Health Minister Veena George (the mode of registration).

As per reports, the data breach is possible if the mobile number of a person is entered – details such as the identification number of the document submitted (Aadhaar, passport, PAN and so forth), gender, date of birth, and the centre where the vaccine was administered, are provided as reply in an instant by the messenger bot in question.

These details could be accessed even if the Aadhaar number was entered instead of the phone number. The passport numbers of those who had updated the CoWIN portal for travel abroad were also leaked.

'CoWIN still safe'

Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Union Minister of State for Electronics, and Information Technology, clarified that the data being accessed by the bot from a threat actor database seems to have been populated with previously breached data. "It does not appear that CoWIN app or database has been directly breached," he tweeted, adding that the database was other than CoWIN.

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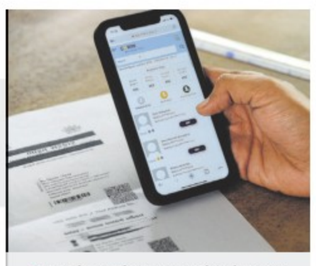
In safe hands?

The CoWIN portal, according to the Health Ministry, has adequate safeguards for data privacy

Vaccinated beneficiary data for CoWIN app is available at three levels, as below:

- **Beneficiary dashboard:** A vaccinated person can have access data using registered mobile number with OTP authentication
- **CoWIN authorised user:** The vaccinator can access data of vaccinated beneficiaries using authentic login credentials, though CoWIN system logs every authorized access



- **API based access:** Third-party apps with authorised access of CoWIN APIs can access data of beneficiaries through beneficiary OTP authentication

Gruha Jyothi applicable to new houses, new tenants

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Those who have moved into new houses or rented houses less than 12 months ago will also be eligible for the Gruha Jyothi scheme, Energy Minister K.J. George said on Monday. However, the eligible limit provided to them will be 53 units, which is the State consumption average, plus 10%. Soon after the government announced the scheme, which provides free power to households of up to 200 units, this was one of the biggest confusions that arose.

"For new houses and those who recently moved to rented houses, there will be no records for one year. Hence, we will give them an average of 53 units and an additional 10% units," he said.

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Retail inflation cooled down to 4.25% in May

Cooling down

India's retail inflation decelarated to 4.25% in May from 4.7% in April. Retail inflation has been below RBI's upper threshold of 6% and is now closer to RBI's medium-term target of 4%

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's retail inflation eased further in May to a 20-month low of 4.25%, from 4.7% in April, with price rise in food items faced by consumers moderating to 2.91%. This is the third successive month that inflation has remained below the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) upper tolerance limit of 6% after a prolonged streak above it.

Base effects from May 2022 when retail inflation was over 7% also played a role in lowering the inflation rate this May. On a month-on-month basis, however, price levels continued to firm up, with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rising 0.51% for the second successive month, while the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) ticked up 0.7%, compared to 0.6% in April.

Urban consumers faced slightly higher inflation at 4.27% than their rural counterparts (4.17%).

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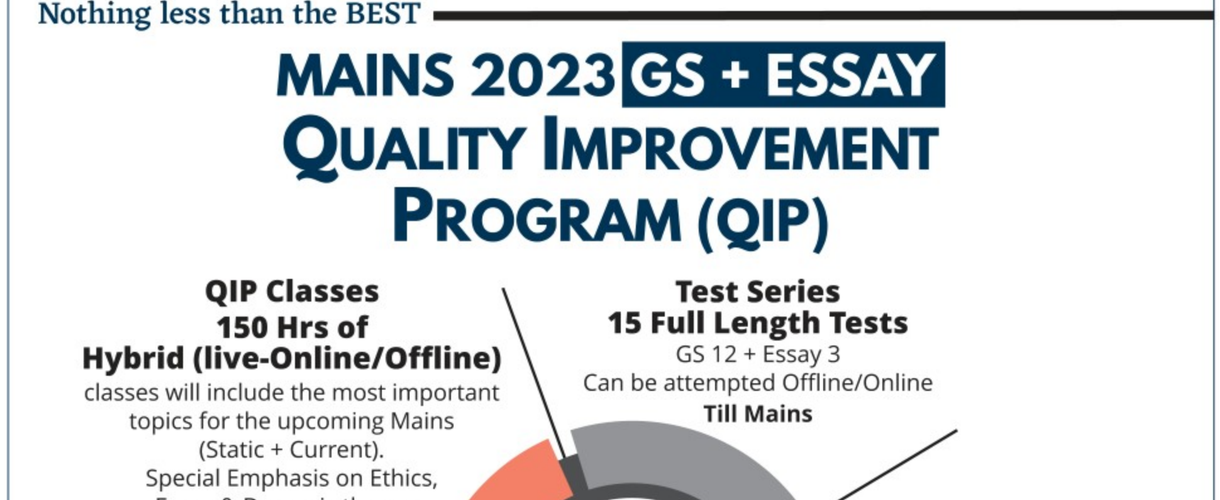

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It's Mission Asian Cup for the Blue Tigers as coach Stimac prepares a blueprint for the road ahead

'It will be tougher than 2019, but we will be there to fight every step of the way; it is all about the time in front of us to get ready, obtain the work that is needed, and be at the strongest possible point'

Driving force: Sunil Chhetri will once again be the talisman as Igor Stimac's men aim to put their best foot forward in the Asian Cup in January next year. Anirudh Thapa and Rahim Ali will be eager to lend support. COURTESY: AIFF

FOOTBALL

Amitabha Das Sharma
BHUBANESWAR

There is a mix of hope and expectation as the senior Indian men's football team goes through the paces in the unrelenting summer heat, trying to put its best foot forward in the continental competition – the 18th edition of the AFC Asian Cup which starts early next year.

Bhubaneswar, home to Indian Super League side Odisha FC, has offered its facilities to the national squad that has been picked mainly from the latest season of the country's top league (ISL).

Former Croatian World Cupper Igor Stimac, who has helmed the Indian team for the past four years, has started the final lap of the preparatory process that will see the country begin its Asian Cup campaign in the second week of January in Qatar.

The journey, which will witness seven months of preparation and competitions, will be crucial for the Indian team as it will take on the higher-ranked sides Australia, Uzbekistan and Syria in the group league stage of the Asian Cup's final leg.

The Indian men's football team enjoyed its brightest phase in the middle of the previous century, finishing fourth in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics and lifting the Asian Games crowns in 1951 and 1962; it had its glorious moment in the Asian Cup, too. That happened almost six decades ago when it was the runner-up in 1964 in Israel. After the Asian Games bronze in 1970, India's appearance on the podium completely disappeared at the continental level.

Renewed vigour

The Indians will find renewed vigour as the national federation, under the new regime of administrators, has redrawn the roadmap of resurgence encapsulated in 'Vision 2047'. The Asian Cup performance will be the first phase in the evaluation of the country's ambition to get into the top-10 in the continent. The Blue Tigers have managed to qualify for the final stage of the Asian Cup competition on four occasions in the past four decades (since 1984). But they have not been able to progress beyond the group league stage, finishing at the bottom of the standings almost every time. The biggest challenge is to break the league stage jinx.

"It is going to be a tough battle for us. It is much tougher than four years ago (2019), but we will be there to fight every step of the way. It is all about the time in front of us to prepare well, obtain the work that is needed, and be at the strongest possible point by next January," said Stimac on the Asian Cup mission.

The Intercontinental Cup at Bhubaneswar, which brought the players together for a three-week camp, is the first among the many competitions lined up. Stimac's men booked a berth in the final with wins over Mongolia and Vanuatu, the second victory made possible by Sunil Chhetri's strike.

Preconceived notions

"In modern football a lot of teams which are treated as underdogs have shown us how to challenge preconceived notions. One name that comes immediately to mind is Morocco (in the recent FIFA World Cup), which has shown that if you are a good unit you can challenge any team. That should be our target.

"On paper it looks a bit more difficult than last time (2019), but nothing to worry. As far as our message to the country is concerned, we are going to give the best we have and will try to be as good as possible," has been captain Chhetri's assurance.

The talismanic striker, who will be making his third Asian Cup appearance, seemed to draw confidence from ISL's contribution in the growth of Indian football.

"This is the opportunity to test the maximum players. After the SAFF championship, I hope our coach (Stimac) will have the scope to identify the core players and build the team over the next few months," said AIFF secretary-general Shaji Prabhakaran.

After the preparatory camp, which began in the second week of May, the players will bond together till the conclusion of the SAFF championship in the first week of July.

"Hopefully, we will get 18 to 20 matches in the next few months to prepare ourselves for the big occasion (Asian Cup). Our target is to be in the top-10 in Asia by 2026 and we are working towards it now. We have already moved up five places (FIFA ranking 101). We expect to get into double digits pretty soon and cross our best ranking of 94 by the end of the Asian Cup," said Prabhakaran about the immediate objective.

The Indian team, including the under-23 youth side, will compete in seven tournaments till November and Prabhakaran felt that it would give sufficient match practice.

"We are not ready yet. We are using the long-duration camp to improve our passing, finishing and patterns in the final third. We are also working on the mental strength of the players.

"We have a very experienced sports psychologist (Shayamal Vallabhjee) who is helping the players understand what we (coaching staff) are expecting from them," said Stimac, stressing on the need for the players to stick together for a longer period as they hardly get enough match time with their clubs when it comes to crucial positions in attack, midfield and defence.

Ruud says it's 'ridiculous' that Djokovic is still not done with winning Grand Slam trophies

Bring 'em on: Ruud feels Djokovic is a class player who can win on any surface and any place, and will be up for the challenge against anyone. GETTY IMAGES & AP

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

French Open runner-up Casper Ruud tipped Novak Djokovic to break the all-time record for Grand Slam titles after the Serb claimed his 23rd major on Sunday by winning at Roland-Garros for the third time.

The 36-year-old moved out in front of Rafael Nadal as the man with the most Grand Slam triumphs, drawing level with Serena Williams and to within one of Margaret Court's record of 24. He is the first man to win all four majors at least three times and is once again halfway to achieve the first calendar Grand Slam since Rod Laver in 1969.

"He holds all the records and these stats that are just ridiculous," said Ruud. "Just shows how complete of a player he is. He can win on any surface, anywhere, any balls that we play with. He will be up for the challenge. And now it's probably the most significant record that he breaks of 23 Slams. But I'm sure he will aim for even more if I know him the right way."

The Norwegian said that he hopes to beat Djokovic one day, but it is going to be tough at the Grand Slam level.

Can't make excuses

Ruud opened up about his three runner-up finishes in the last five Grand Slam tournaments.

"Anyone you play in a Grand Slam final is going to be a good player.

"But the three players I've played is just Rafa going for, at the time, the record for 22, and then Carlos who was just on fire in New York, and then here, Novak, going for 23. I played very tough players," said Ruud.

"I can't just sit and make excuses. I think this is maybe the most important final that I reached. Here I sort of proved that whatever happened last year is just not like a one-time case."

Ruud will head to Wimbledon with limited expectations having won just one match in three visits. But he hopes his run in Paris will help him go all the way at a Grand Slam.

"Probably going to plant some respect in my opponents' eyes and hopefully I can build on that, and one day I'm gonna try to obviously aim for a slam title," said Ruud.

Biggest goal

"That's my biggest goal, my biggest dream in my career and in my life.

"It's been close, but close but no cigar, so I'm going to keep working and try to get it one day."

Djokovic returns to the top of the charts; Swiatek retains No. 1 ranking

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Novak Djokovic returned to the No. 1 spot in the ATP rankings on Monday, replacing Carlos Alcaraz, after winning the French Open for a men's record 23rd Grand Slam crown.

Djokovic will now add to the record he already held for the most weeks leading the rankings – men's or women's – since the computerised system was set up a half-century ago.

Alcaraz dropped to No. 2, Daniil Medvedev slid one place to No. 3 after a first-round exit in Paris, while Ruud remained at No. 4.

Iga Swiatek, the women's champion at Roland-Garros, kept her spot atop the WTA rankings, where she has been for more than a year. She could have been overtaken by No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka, depending on the results in Paris.

Karolina Muchova soared all the way from 43rd to a career-high 16th. Reigning Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina, who withdrew before her third-round match at the French Open because of an illness, is at No. 3, and Caroline Garcia is at No. 4, with Jessica Pegula going from No. 3 to No. 5.

Swiatek earned her third French Open trophy in four years and her fourth Grand Slam title overall with a victory over Karolina Muchova.

Still the queen: Swiatek has been at the top of the women's singles rankings for more than a year. GETTY IMAGES

The rankings (top-10):

ATP: 1. Novak Djokovic (Srb, 7595 points); 2. Carlos Alcaraz (Esp, 7175); 3. Daniil Medvedev (Rus, 6100); 4. Casper Ruud (Nor, 4960); 5. Stefanos Tsitsipas (Gre, 4920); 6. Holger Rune (Den, 4375); 7. Andrey Rublev (Rus, 4000); 8. Taylor Fritz (USA, 3515); 9. Jannik Sinner (Ita, 3300); 10. Karen Khachanov (Rus, 3125).

WTA: 1. Iga Swiatek (Pol, 8940); 2. Aryna Sabalenka (Blr, 8012); 3. Elena Rybakina (Kaz, 5090); 4. Caroline Garcia (Fra, 5025); 5. Jessica Pegula (USA, 4905); 6. Ons Jabeur (Tun, 3961); 7. Coco Gauff (USA, 3435); 8. Maria Sakkari (Gre, 3272); 9. Petra Kvitova (Cze, 3102); 10. Beatriz Haddad Maia (Bra, 2910).

Shakti: 5.71 lakh women travelled for free in Karnataka buses on Day 1

According to KSRTC, the ticket value of women passengers who rode buses on Sunday was ₹1,40,22,878

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A total of 5,71,023 women travelled for free in non-premium State-run buses on Sunday, following the launch of the Shakti scheme by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

According to the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), the ticket value of the women passengers who availed themselves of the scheme was ₹1,40,22,878. The data shared by the KSRTC is based on the travel from 1 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Sunday.

However, the KSRTC in a statement on Monday said, "There are many schedules due to return by late evening/night today/tomorrow. Hence, the number of women passengers travelled in those buses are not included in the data."

According to an earlier statement by the KSRTC, it was estimated that around 41.81 lakh women (including 11.58 passholders) would benefit from this scheme.

A group of women at the launch of the Shakti scheme at the Vidhana Soudha on Sunday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Officials said that only 5.71 lakh passengers travelled on the launch day because the scheme was inaugurated after 1 p.m. Eventually, the number of women passengers will increase in buses, according to KSRTC officials.

The newly-elected Congress government on Sunday launched the first among five pre-poll guarantees, Shakti: a scheme which offers women free travel in non-premium services offered by State-run Road Transport Corporations (RTCs).

The government will issue the 'Shakti Smart Card' after receiving applications from women, including students, through the Seva Sindhu portal. Until then, it has asked RTCs to accept any identity card issued by the Central or the State governments that carries the photograph and address of the beneficiary to issue 'zero ticket' (free ticket).

The government has directed the issuance of smart cards to be completed within three months. The free travel scheme is restricted within the State for women who are domicile of Karnataka. They will be able to travel in general and express services operated by the RTCs.

The government has identified Rajahamsa, non-AC sleeper, Vajra, Vayu Vajra, Airavatha, Airavatha Club Class, Airavatha Gold Class, Ambari, Ambari Dream Class, Ambari Utsav, Fly Bus, EV Power Class as those services that will not come under the scheme.

Auto passenger stabbed to death over fare row

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 28-year-old man was killed and another person severely injured when an autorickshaw driver allegedly stabbed them over a fare row, in Subramanya Nagar police station limits on Sunday. The deceased has been identified as Ahmed, while the injured, Ayub, 26, is in the ICU of a private hospital.

According to the police, they were returning home from work. The auto driver on the way started demanding double the fare, and a heated argument ensued. The driver stopped the vehicle and after fisticuffs, stabbed the duo and fled, said the police.

The Subramanya Nagar police have taken up a case of murder and arrested the driver.

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While BMTC buses are crowded, there are few takers for the premium ones

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Subhashini, a regular commuter from Rajajinagar to Shivajinagar in Bengaluru, was surprised to see her bus more crowded than usual. "After the government launched the Shakti scheme, the bus was packed tight. Usually, the bus will not be so crowded since I use the non-peak hour buses, but even around 1 p.m. my bus was crowded," she added.

A day after the Shakti scheme, which offers women free travel in non-premium services offered by State-run road transport corporations (RTCs), was launched, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses were crowded on Monday, leading to a demand for increasing the bus fleet.

Women garment workers boarding a BMTC bus on Mysuru Road on Monday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The shortage of buses were seen in the city as many were seen standing on footboards making the ride uncomfortable.

Many garment workers were seen waiting for BMTC buses at the Muthuraya Nagar Cross bus stop on Mysuru Road and they complained that the frequency of buses on this route had decreased.

Meanwhile, the AC premium buses on Monday saw very few passengers. Most of the BMTC Vajra buses was plying with less passengers.

Saroja R., a passenger in a Vajra bus, said: "It was surprising to board a Volvo bus towards Bannerghatta Road from Majestic bus stand and notice that I was the only woman in the bus. These days, even Volvos used to be decently crowded but today, there were men as usual, but no women".

A conductor from a Vajra bus said that he had also observed that women were very few on the day compared to other days.

Photocopies of ID cards to be accepted

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After many women showed copies of identity cards, leading to confusion, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) announced on Monday that the photocopies of ID cards or on DigiLocker can also be shown to conductors.

Couple found dead in bathroom; geyser gas leak suspected

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 30-year-old hotel employee and his 22-year-old fiancee were found dead in the bathroom of a rented accommodation in Chikkajala. They are suspected to have died of a gas geyser leak.

Recently engaged

The deceased have been identified as Chandrashekhar from Gundlupet and Sudharani from Gokak. The duo was working in a hotel near Nandi Hills and got engaged recently.

According to the police, Chandrashekhar lived in a rented house in Tarabanahalli and Sudharani had visited him.

Initial probe revealed that Chandrashekhar switched on the gas geyser which released carbon monoxide and the duo collapsed owing to suffocation and died as the windows and ventilators were closed, said the police.

The incident came to light on Sunday when the owner noticed no response from the house despite knocking on the door.

The owner later forced open the door to find the duo lying dead in the bathroom. The Chikkajala police shifted the bodies for post-mortem.

The police have taken up a case of unnatural death and are investigating.

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GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Court, this **07th JUNE, 2023.**
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Revision Petition No.33 of 2022
Against Docket Order dated.21.09.2002 in Consumed Complaint No.84 of 2022
(On the file of the District Consumer Disputes Commission, Madurai)

Mrs.Saraswathi Sankaran,
W/o.Dr.T.Badrinarayanan,
No.262, Second Main Road,
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And another. **---Petitioners/Complainants**
---Vs---
The Flipkart, Flipkart Internet Pvt.Ltd.,
Buildings Aiyssa, Begonia & Clove
Embassy Tech Village, Outer Ring Road,
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Bangalore-560103, Karnataka,
India and 4 others. **---3-rd Respondent.**

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The Petitioners have filed R.P.No.33 of 2022 before the Hon'ble State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Madurai Bench, Tamil Nadu. The above said R.P.No.33 of 2022 came up before the Hon'ble Commission on 25.05.2023 and the Hon'ble Commmission has ordred notice to you, the 3-rd Respondent. Please take notice and appear in person or through your counsel before the Hon'ble State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Madurai Bench on 26.06.2023 at 10.00 a.m.Otherwise, you will be called absent and the matter will be decided on merits in your absence.

JEENA RITA DAVID
Asssociate Advocate
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PERSONAL

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Did *Homo naledi* really make rock art and bury their dead?

Major new findings force us to rethink the role of brain size in advanced 'meaning-making' cognition. But is there actually evidence for funerary behaviour at Rising Star Cave? According to standards set by the palaeoanthropology community, the evidence presented so far indicates 'no'

Michael Petraglia
Emmanuel K. Ndiema
Maria Martinon-Torres
Nicole Boivin

On September 13 2013, speleologists Rick Hunter and Steven Tucker descended deep into South Africa's Rising Star cave system and discovered the first evidence of an extraordinary assemblage of hominin fossils.

To date, the remains of more than 15 individuals belonging to a previously unknown species of extinct human, dubbed *Homo naledi*, have been found in the cave. These short-statured, small-brained ancient cousins are thought to have lived in Southern Africa between 335,000 and 241,000 years ago.

Rising Star Cave is an exceptional resource for exploring the origins of our species. However, archaeological work at the site has been some of the most controversial in the discipline.

Three new studies made available today (as pre-prints awaiting peer review) claim to have found evidence *Homo naledi* intentionally buried their dead (a sophisticated practice we usually associate with *Homo sapiens*) and made rock art, which suggests advanced cognitive abilities.

However, as archaeologists who investigate early humans in Africa, we're not convinced the new research stacks up.

Did *Homo naledi* bury their dead?

The research purports to have evidence *Homo naledi* undertook deliberate burial of their dead - a major claim.

So far, the earliest secure evidence for burial in Africa comes from the Panga ya Saidi cave site in eastern Kenya, excavated by our team and dated to 78,000 years ago. This burial of a *Homo sapiens* child meets rigorous criteria agreed upon by the scientific community for identifying intentional human burial.

The aim of the criteria is to help differentiate burial from other practices and phenomena that could lead to the depositing of human remains. These include, for example, the natural accumulation of skeletal parts in a predator's cavern, or the kind of carrying and protecting of dead bodies observed among cognitively advanced non-human species such as gorillas and chimpanzees.

The claimed *Homo naledi* burials precede the Panga ya Saidi burial evidence by as much as 160,000 years. If the claim is correct, it significantly pushes back evidence for advanced mortuary behaviour in Africa. It also implies intentional burial wasn't limited to our species or other big-brained hominins.

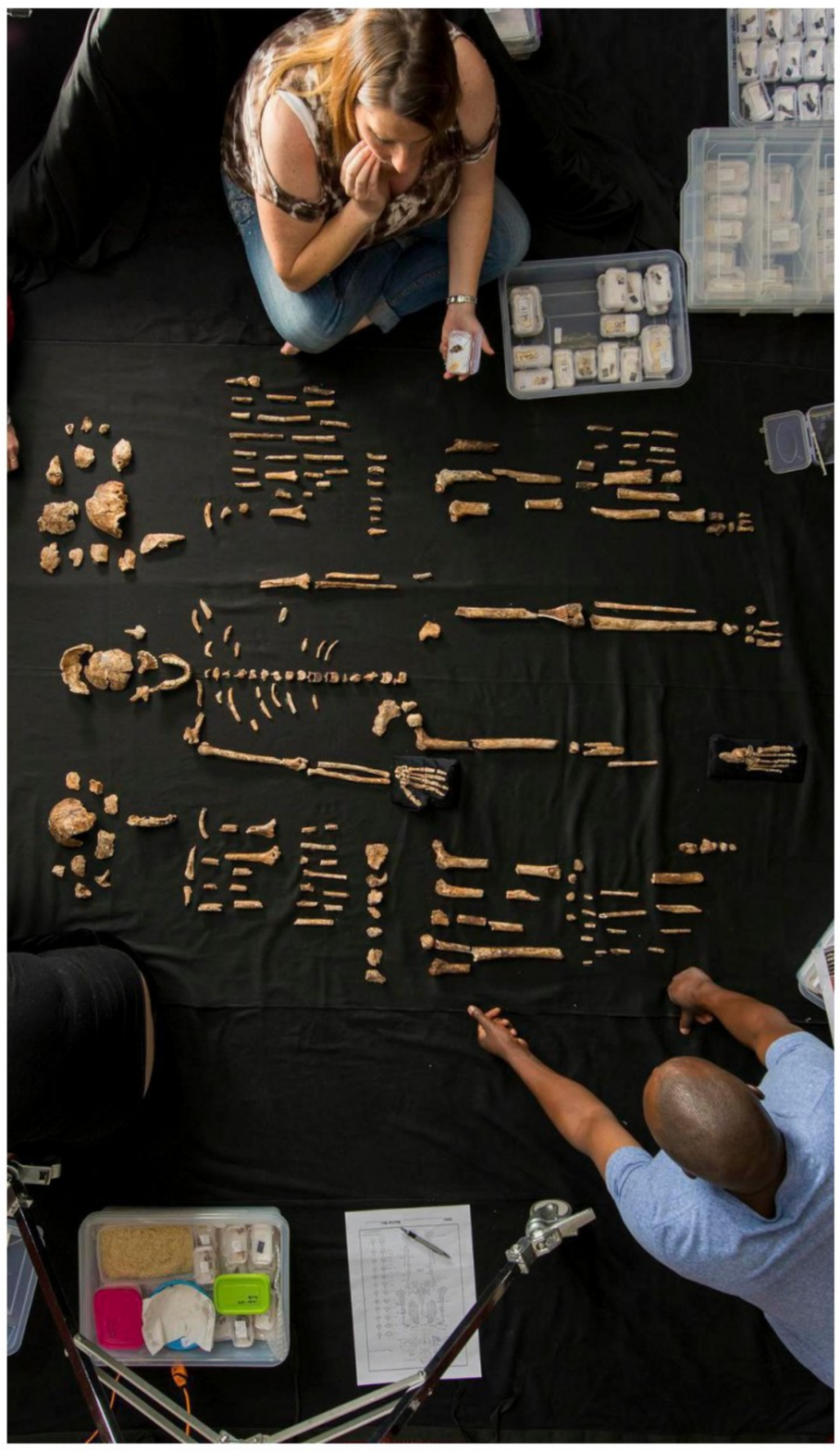
Such a finding would force us to rethink the role of brain size in advanced "meaning-making" cognition, as well as what distinguishes our species from our ancestors.

But is there actually evidence for funerary behaviour at Rising Star Cave? According to standards set by the palaeoanthropology community, the evidence presented so far indicates 'no'.

Insufficient evidence

The site's researchers claim to have evidence for three intentional burials.

However, not one of the burials provides compelling evidence of a deliberately excavated pit. Indeed, the shallow cavities may not be dug pits at all, but natural depressions where the bodies accumulated and were later disturbed by trampling, or partial cave collapse.



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The alleged burials also fail to meet another fundamental criteria for deliberate burials: anatomical alignment of the body and articulation of skeletal remains.

In a deliberate burial, the body is generally intact and any minimal displacement can be explained by decomposition. That's because burial involves immediately covering the body with soil, which protects the anatomical integrity of the skeleton.

Rising Star Cave so far hasn't produced evidence for anything other than the general spatial association of some skeletal elements. At most, it provides evidence for the in-situ decomposition of particular body parts, such as an ankle, and partial hand and foot articulations.

Moreover, confirming intentional burial in the past has required the presentation of human remains in an arrangement that can't have been achieved by chance. However, the scattered distribution of the remains at Rising Star prevents reconstruction of their original positions.

Other claimed evidence for funerary behaviour is equally uncompelling. A stone artefact supposedly included in the burial as a "grave good" is said to have scratches and edge serrations from use. But this so-called artefact's shape suggests it may be natural. It's still encased in sediment and has only been studied through synchrotron X-ray.

But perhaps the biggest barrier to confirming the status of the findings is that so far none of the alleged burials have been fully excavated. It's therefore impossible to assess the completeness of the bodies, their original position, and the limits of the purported pits.

Did *Homo naledi* make rock art?

An equally splashy claim made in one of the publications is that *Homo naledi* left rock art on the walls of Rising Star Cave.

The report describes engravings in the form of deeply impressed cross-hatchings and geometric shapes such as squares, triangles, crosses and X's. Further claims are made about the preparation of and potential repeated handling or rubbing of the associated rock surface, and the use of a similar "tool" to the one they claim was found with the alleged burial.

> Rising Star Cave so far hasn't produced evidence for anything other than the general spatial association of some skeletal elements. At most, it provides evidence for the in-situ decomposition of particular body parts, such as an ankle, and partial hand and foot articulations

This claim has major implications. To date, rock art has only reliably been linked to *Homo sapiens* and, in rarer cases, some of our large-brained ancestors. Similar to deliberate burial, producing rock art has major implications for the cognitive abilities of a species. It denotes a capacity for representation, and the creation and communication of meaning via abstract symbols.

The problem with the rock art at Rising Star Cave is that it's undated. To imply any link with *Homo naledi* requires firm dates. This could be achieved through using dating techniques on associated residues or natural deposits covering the art, or by studying materials from excavated and dated archaeological layers that can be linked to the art (for instance, if they contain engraving tools or engraved rock fall fragments).

In the absence of dating, it's simply spurious to claim the engravings were made by *Homo naledi*, rather than by another species (and potentially at a much later date).

Did they light up Rising Star Cave?

The researchers also claim the mortuary and engraving activities in Rising Star Cave involved strategic use of fire for illumination.

In public lectures and on social media they clarify they have found new evidence for hearths, including charcoal, ash, discoloured clay and burned animal bones. Yet none of the scientific research needed to confirm the use of fire has been carried out. Or if it has, it hasn't been published.

Previously acquired radiocarbon dates obtained by the site investigators on the apparent hearth material provided very late dates that distanced the hearths from the remains of *Homo naledi* by several hundred thousand years.

We're not opposed to the idea that the Rising Star Cave witnessed precocious mortuary behaviour involving the intentional disposal of bodies by *Homo naledi*.

But it's clear the latest inferences require further investigation before they're accepted by the broader scientific community.

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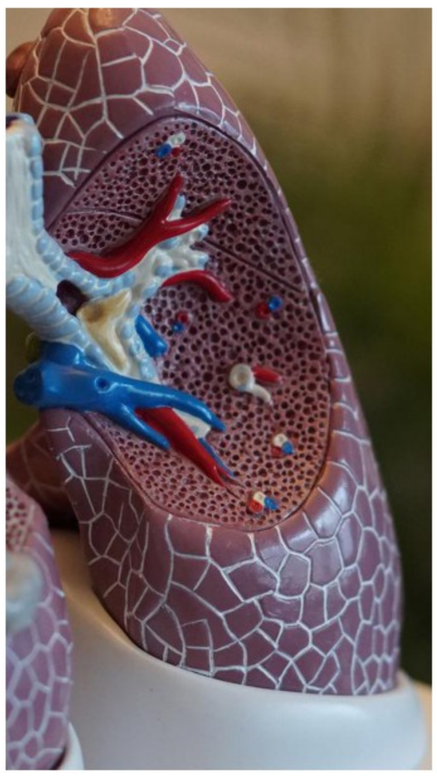

A model of the lungs. ROBINA WEERMEIJER/UNSPLASH

Older people exhale more aerosol particles, says study

D.V.L.S. Pranathi

Scientists have reported that healthy people emit exponentially more aerosol particles from their lungs as they age, both at rest and during exercise.

An aerosol consists of very fine solid or liquid particles suspended in a fluid. Air that contains PM2.5 particulate matter can be considered an aerosol.

The new study was published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* on May 22.

The researchers split the study's 80 participants into groups based on their ages. Then, they studied air samples that the people in each group exhaled as they performed physical exercises that took them to exhaustion.

They developed an apparatus that first filtered out aerosols in the ambient air, the air the participants breathed. Then, the participants inhaled the purified air through a mask that covered the mouth and the nose.

Next, the intensity of their exercise increased gradually. The masks that the participants wore were connected to a valve through which only the air they exhaled could escape.

The new findings suggest disease-transmission models may have to account differently for younger and older people

The researchers then measured the performance of healthy participants and directly linked that to the quantity of aerosol particles the participants emitted per minute.

The team found that older people, aged 60-70 years, emitted twice as many aerosol particles and five-times as much dry volume i.e., the volume of dried aerosol particles, as those aged 20-39, both at rest and during exercise.

They also found that a small fraction of air that they had sampled had a higher concentration of aerosol particles from both old and young people at rest than when they were exercising.

During exercise, both older and younger people had particles of size 0.4 micrometre, but the older people also had a significant number of particles larger than 0.4 micrometre.

In the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was considerable debate over whether aerosols helped the virus move through the air. The new findings suggest disease-transmission models may have to account differently for younger and older people.

Higher aerosol emissions by older people "could potentially correlate with a higher infection risk for others when an older infected person is present compared to a younger infected person," Benedikt Schumm, a member of the study and a professor of fluid mechanics and aerodynamics at UniBw, told *The Hindu*.

The study's paper stated that the results were only from healthy people and didn't include those with respiratory diseases or acute respiratory illness.

(The author is an intern at The Hindu.*)*

Please send in your answers to science@thehindu.co.in

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

The evolution of global communication technologies

Siva Shakthi A.

QUESTION 1

Until the 1920s, newspapers didn't have many images because it took a long time to transmit them over long distances. Name the technology that subsequently made the transmission of images possible via telephone lines.

QUESTION 2

Which part of a fibre optic cable helps support, optically confine, and reduces crosstalk between adjacent cables?

QUESTION 3

Geostationary orbits are orbits where satellites move around the earth at the same speed at which the earth rotates. Name the inventor and science-fiction writer who first proposed this concept.

QUESTION 4

On May 16, 1960, American physicist Theodore Maiman demonstrated the first laser.

To commemorate the achievement, May 16 is now observed as _____. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 5

Also called "TV stone", which naturally occurring ore of boron has a transmission property quite like fibre optic cables?

Today's quiz is from our reader Siva Shakthi A. You can also submit your quiz if you can consistently get 6/6 right!

Answers to June 8 quiz:

1. The weakest force and factor of weakness – **Ans: Gravitational force, 1024-times weaker than the weak nuclear force**

2. Leading theory describing three fundamental force – **Ans: Standard Model**

3. Physicist who shared 1979 physics Nobel Prize – **Ans: Abdus Salam**

4. Second type of charge that quarks have – **Ans: Colour charge**

5. Type of accelerator that the LHC is – **Ans: Synchrotron**

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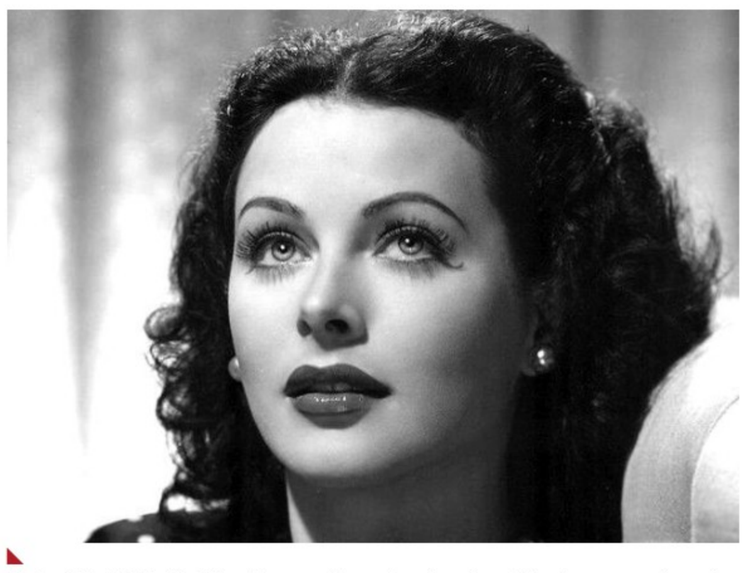

During World War II, this actress and inventor developed the frequency-hopping technology that serves as the basis for Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. Name her. PUBLIC DOMAIN

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Toll hike on expressway catches people by surprise

Sources say NHAI has increased toll by 22%

New charges

Vehicle	Toll effective from June 1		Toll collected earlier	
	One-way journey	Two-way journey the same day	One-way journey	Two-way journey the same day
Car/jeep/van	₹165	₹250	₹135	₹205
Light commercial vehicle, light goods vehicle, mini-bus	₹270	₹405	₹220	₹330
Bus/truck (2 axle)	₹565	₹850	₹460	₹690

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Commuters on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway were surprised to see that the toll deducted in the FASTag account was more than what was collected earlier. Many commuters using cars noticed ₹165 being deducted for a one-way journey, instead of ₹135.

Sources said that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has revised the toll, increasing it by 22% from June 1.

While the charge for a single-way journey on the expressway for cars was ₹135, it has been increased to ₹165 and for a return journey on the same day, it will jump from ₹205 to ₹250.

Similarly, light commercial vehicles (LCV) and mini-buses will have to pay ₹270 instead of ₹220 for a one-way trip and ₹405 (earlier ₹330) for a return journey, while buses and trucks will have to pay ₹565 and ₹850 for a single-way and two-way journey, respectively.

Earlier, as part of the annual revision of toll prices across the country, the NHAI had decided to enforce a hike in toll fee starting on April 1. However, following public outrage, this was rolled back.

The NHAI has also put up the fee on the highway toll plaza signage boards near the toll plaza for public information.

Praveen Rao, a commuter, said, "I was wondering why the toll deducted was more and realised it only later. The NHAI should inform the public about such changes."

NHAI officials were not available for comment.

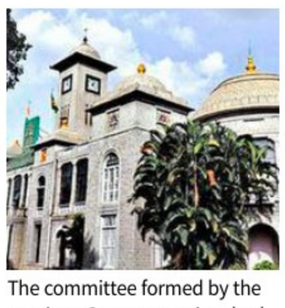
Children's day out

Youth power: Students taking out a 'World Day against Child Labour' awareness rally from the Mahatma Gandhi statue on M.G. Road in Bengaluru on Monday. K. MURALI KUMAR

BBMP Restructuring Committee reconvened to 'reimagine city's governance and administration'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Monday reconvened the BBMP Restructuring Committee, which the previous Congress regime had formed.



The committee formed by the previous Congress regime had proposed to split the BBMP into multiple corporations, but that met with resistance. FILE PHOTO

Multiple corporations

The committee, led by former Chief Secretary B.S. Patil, with former Civic Commissioner Siddaiah and urbanist V. Ravichandar as its members, had recommended splitting the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) into multiple corporations, a proposal that met resistance and was not implemented.

This time around, the committee has been given a larger mandate to reimagine Bengaluru governance and administration, covering not only the BBMP but all related departments and parastatals, like the Urban Development Department, the BDA, the BWSSB, the BMRDA, the DULT, the BMLTA, the city police, the Fire and Emergency Services, the Slum Board, etc., and corporations like the BMTC, Bescom, BMRCL, and Suburban Rail.

The committee has also been mandated to "work towards implementation of the recommendations subject to government approval" and has been tasked with "improving quality of life for all citizens in Bengaluru", "strengthening Brand Bengaluru through these actions", and to "improve governance and administration for better citizen-centric deliverables".

The committee has also been tasked with ensuring "deep de-centralisation at the ward level with citizens participating and appropriate centralisation at the apex levels, while being consistent with the spirit of the 74th Amendment including the Metropolitan Planning Committee (MPC) set up".

Set up 250 Indira Canteens in city, with each ward getting one: Siddaramaiah

The Hindu Bureau
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Officials were instructed to invite Ministers and legislators to the canteens, besides maintaining food quality and following the prescribed menu

Ministers and legislators could be invited to have lunch at Indira Canteens, which would be helpful to keep a watch on the quality, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials were instructed on Monday, even as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah asked officials to start at least 250 canteens, one each in every ward of Bengaluru.

While instructions have been given to offer the local cuisine at Indira Canteens in North Karnataka, officials have been asked to provide location details where new canteens could be started outside Bengaluru. The Chief Minister has also directed the officials to change the canteen menu, and that the rates for consumers will not be revised.

At a meeting here to review the Indira Canteen functioning, chaired by Mr. Siddaramaiah, the officials were instructed to invite Ministers and legislators to the canteen, besides maintaining food quality and following the prescribed menu. In BBMP areas, the meeting proposed to decentralise the tender process and invite tenders in eight zones.

The Chief Minister told presspersons that while 70% of the cost had been borne by the BBMP and 30% by the government earlier, it has been decided that they both will bear 50% now. In other urban local bodies, the ratio would be 70% from government grants and 30% from urban local bodies, he added.

The officials have been asked not to compromise on cleanliness, quality, and quantity at the canteen. Asking officials to visit the canteens and submit a report on the condition and functioning, the officials were instructed to undertake repairs, wherever necessary, and keep the canteen in good condition.

Officials were also asked to submit proposal for setting up new canteens at public places, such as colleges, hospitals, bus stands, taluk offices, and others. "The canteens will be relaunched after the completion of tender process."

Bangalore University gets NAAC 'A++' grade

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bangalore University (BU) was accredited with a CGPA of 3.75 out of 4 points and the 'A++' grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) on Saturday. This is a jump from the previous two years' 3.16 CGPA and the 'A' grade.

The university has credited the achievement to its academic excellence through various initiatives related to academics and infrastructure in the last five years.

According to officials, the university is the first one in the State to have attained this grade which will be valid for five years. BU submitted a self-study report for the assessment period between 2018 and 2022.

"The university performed extremely well in the NAAC-specified criteria, such as curricular aspects, teaching, learning and evaluation, research, innovations and extension, infrastructure and learning resources, student support and progression, governance leadership and management, institutional values, and best practices," said Jayakara S.M., Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University.

The NAAC peer team visited BU between May 17 and 19 this year to evaluate the qualitative metrics. The university scored over 95% in all the metrics of NAAC.

BU had taken up initiatives like digital evaluation system, introduction of new UG and PG courses, more than 10 publications from each faculty, highest research funding, many consultancy projects, high citation index, good number of patents, among others, said officials

BU will now attain full absolute autonomous status. "With the A++ grade, the university attained autonomy to set up off-campuses within the country and overseas, hybrid and online courses, applying for Institutions of eminence, student exchange programmes, increased international tie-up or collaborations for research activities, and increased funding possibilities from different agencies," BU officials said.

'State must utilise its strengths in innovation, entrepreneurship'

The Hindu Bureau
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The 'Karnataka@100: A Vision Document for 2047' report being released by officials of the IIMB and the CII in Bengaluru on Monday.

Strengthening of local governance, upgrading physical and social infrastructure, increasing public and private spending on education as well as research and development (R&D) are some of the prescriptions given by the 'Karnataka@100: A Vision Document for 2047', a report released by the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore (IIMB), and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on Monday.

Four professors from IIMB have co-authored the report, while others, including Rishikesha T. Krishnan, Director, IIMB, have contributed to it.

'Extraordinary progress'

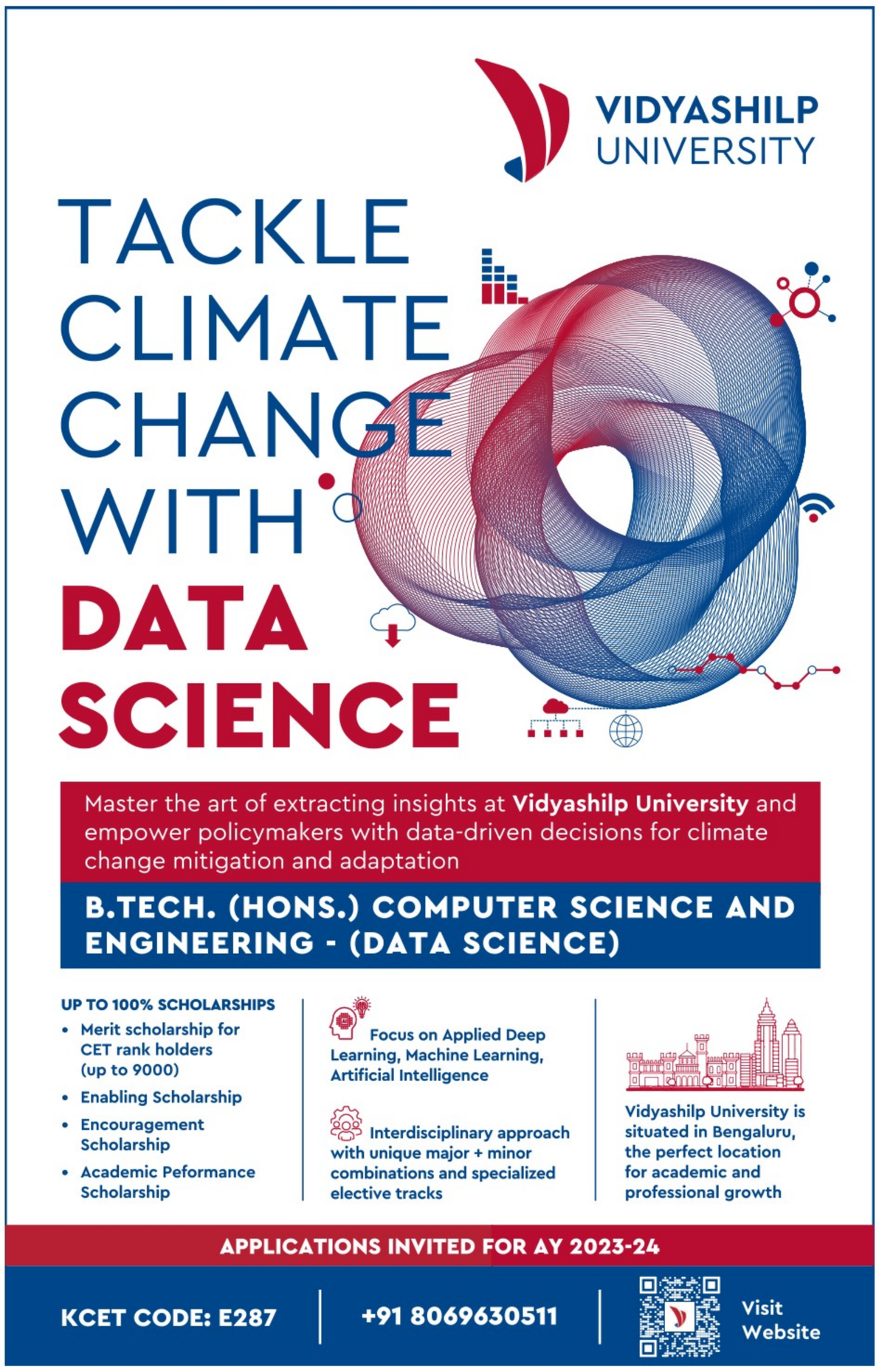
"Karnataka has shown extraordinary socio-economic progress since India's independence in 1947, and even more so since the liberalisation of the Indian economy in 1991. From coffee to IT, Karnataka has made a distinct name for itself on the global map. However, lofty economic growth has also brought its fair share of unique challenges," said Jitamitra Desai, faculty, Decision Sciences and a co-author.

"In the 21st century, Karnataka must utilise its strengths in innovation, entrepreneurship, biodiversity and heritage, to trailblaze an uncharted path of equitable and harmonious growth fuelled by a green ecosystem at its core, which will become a benchmark not just for India, but for the world, especially the global South. We strongly believe that Karnataka is uniquely positioned to undertake such global leadership today," said Prateek Raj, faculty, Strategy. The report has focused on 14 themes including entrepreneurial ecosystem, investment in education and skill development, affordable and universal healthcare, tourism, hospitality and sports and green ecosystem, among other things.

"I hope it (vision document) serves as a catalyst for fruitful conversations and action towards a more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable Karnataka," said Professor Krishnan.

When asked about the changes that need to be brought in the urban administration in the State, the authors batted for directly elected Mayors for cities.

"Along with empowered local bodies, we need directly elected Mayors who would have the capacity to make decisions about allocation of funds and other things. This will bring about some decentralisation. If not in Bengaluru, we can try this in other cities like Hubballi-Dharwad. We also need to establish more accountability and transparency in the system," they said.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Decongest roads or boost lucrative vehicle sales: Can the government strike a balance?

A robust decongestion strategy for Bengaluru would mean prioritising multiple public transport modes through focused investment, last-mile connectivity, and deliberate shift away from projects that aid growth of private vehicles. Will the government be willing to let go of a lucrative revenue-yielding sector for greater public good?

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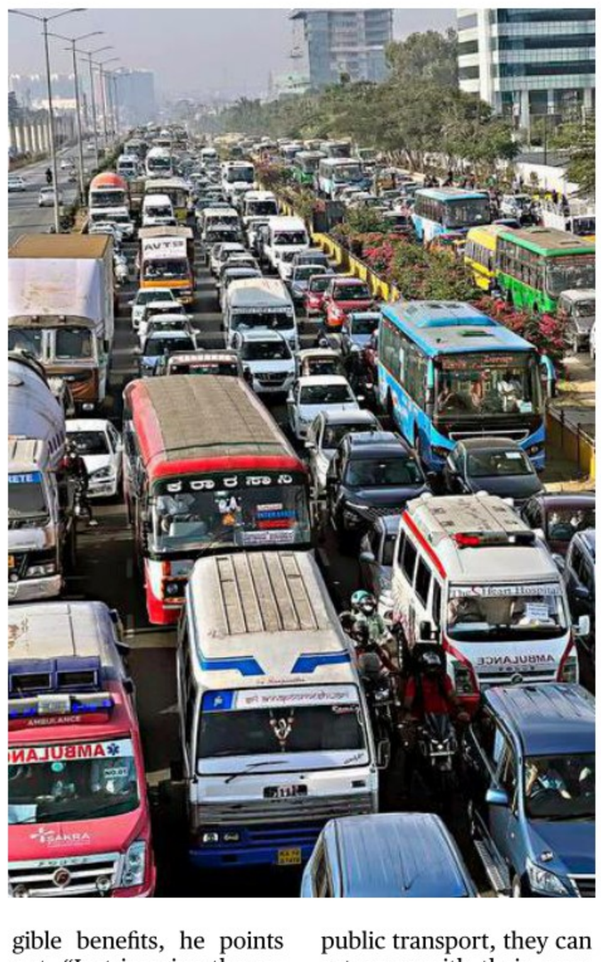

Every government makes all the right noises to decongest Bengaluru's roads. But when record-breaking growth in vehicle registrations massively boosts the Transport Department's tax revenues, will the State be really interested in arresting the growth? Can it really tweak the tax structure to compensate for the shortfall through other sources?

Vehicle registrations

First, the facts. Post-pandemic growth in vehicle registrations in the State continues to be robust this year, riding on the 30% year-on-year rise recorded in 2022. As many as 15.3 lakh new vehicles were registered in Karnataka in 2022, a sharp rise from the 11.7 lakh recorded in 2021.

The combined number of transport and non-transport vehicles registered in Bengaluru stood at 1.09 crore till March 31, 2023. This included 73.3 lakh two-wheelers and 22.3 lakh cars.

In January, the year-on-year growth for the month showed an increase of nearly 30%. The overall vehicle numbers in the State were in excess of 2.98 crore.

Inevitably, this increase has sparked a consequent rise in the State Transport Department's tax revenues. The annual collection in 2022 touched a record ₹8,648 crore, a substantial 38% increase from the ₹6,263 crore clocked in 2021. The bulk of this collection was from the city's Regional Transport Offices in Jayanagar, Kasturinagar, Rajajinagar, Yeshwantpur, and Koramangala.

Transport revenue

In the last State Budget, former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced that the department's revenue collection was set to reach ₹9,007 crore against a target of ₹8,007 crore fixed for 2022-23. This was 13% higher than the Budget estimate. The revenue collection target for 2023-24 has been fixed at ₹10,500 crore.

The Transport Department's revenue flows from road tax, new vehicle registration fee, permit fee, driving licence fee, checkpost inspection fee, pending taxes and penalties. In terms of tax inflow, the department is the 4th highest contributor to the State treasury. Only commercial taxes, stamps and registrations and excise earn higher.

A robust decongestion strategy would mean prioritising public transport modes through focused investment, last-mile connectivity and a shift away from projects that aid the growth of personal vehicles. Will the government be willing to let go of a lucrative revenue-yielding sector for greater public good?

High share of 'sin taxes'

Urban policy expert Ashwin Mahesh feels the government's share of 'sin taxes' is very high. He explains, "The government makes money when you pollute, when you drink alcohol, when you smoke ... So, when it becomes dependent on these sin taxes, then the sin also has to increase if the revenue needs to grow. But then there are consequences. That is the paradox they have created."

One way out could have been to rationalize the tax rates so that any revenue loss in one sector is compensated by a higher rate in another sector. But the Goods and Service Tax (GST) structure does not give the State that leeway. "The States have completely lost it by giving away taxation powers on the one hand, and reducing their dependence only on the things that have side effects," he says.

In this limited framework, Karnataka has very little room to manoeuvre. "During the whole GST discussion, the government needed to be alert to give itself the latitude to set tax policy as per its idea of development, and where to invest and all of that. State governments conceded and therefore do not have the ability to use tax as an instrument of state policy anymore. They have lost the plot."

Independent mobility consultant Satya Arikutharam says any loss in tax revenue due to a shift to public transport does not mean the investment will just disappear. "It will go to another sector, which would still be taxed. The bus manufacturing industry will grow once the focus shifts. So will the tax revenue from shared auto rickshaws and cars used as cabs. The entire ₹10,000 crore will not go away, it will just be reallocated," he explains.

But there are also intangible benefits, he points out. "Just imagine the extent of environmental benefits you get due to the decongestion. And the culture of people embracing public transport as a public duty is gaining ground. It would be a social commitment for future generations."

Beyond statements of intent, there is no visible policy shift away from promotion of private, personal vehicles. "The manufacturing lobby and the year-on-year automobile growth are driving the tax coffers, and they think if they dedicate part of this to public transport, they can get away with their commitments. But actually it is not that simple. They need to make conscious decisions," he reminds.

Paris, he notes, made a commitment to be transformed as a walkable city. Parking spaces there were reduced by 80%. If such hard policy decisions are not taken, people will continue to aspire for and acquire more cars, SUVs and motorcycles.

Raise taxes

To strike a balance between decongestion and tax revenues, Prof. Ashish Verma, Convenor of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Sustainable Transportation Lab, suggests a key strategy: Raise the lifetime tax of a personal vehicle much higher than the existing rate to discourage people from owning cars. "In Copenhagen, for instance, people pay more than double the cost of the vehicle as lifetime tax. You find similar rates in Singapore and many other cities," he notes.

Chinese cities have adopted a different strategy: Restrict the maximum number of new vehicle registrations. "Even the permitted registrations are through an auction. People have to bid. Anyone who can throw their bid gets the registration, but in the process, the Transport Department earns much more than the existing rates here," explains Mr. Verma.

Both strategies, he says, will allow the State to earn more while reducing the vehicle numbers. "Volumes will come down, which is exactly what is required for decongestion. A large section of people will be discouraged, and they can easily switch to sustainable commute modes. The money earned from the rich, who can afford to pay to own vehicles, can then be pumped into better infrastructure for sustainable mobility modes, including public transport."

How to tax EV vehicles

This strategy can be adopted for ownership of electric vehicles, too. "Electric or fossil fuel-based, you have to discourage the purchase of personal vehicles. But there should be no tax on electric buses to keep purchase costs down. That will reduce congestion and also reduce tailpipe emissions," he reasons.

But if high taxation cannot dissuade rich buyers from owning a car, he says the tax rate for EVs can be reduced a bit. At least that way, they could make an eco-friendly decision.

City needs 600 km of storm-water infrastructure: Report

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Bengaluru needs an immediate storm-water drainage masterplan and remedial measures to curb urban flooding as a rising population and changing topography are heavily impacting the drainage system of the city, recommended Knight Frank India, an international property consultancy.

The city required an additional length of more than 600 km of storm-water infrastructure, which would require remodelling and expansion of its existing storm-water infrastructure at an estimated cost of ₹2,800 crore, it said in a report.

The city currently has 842 km of primary and secondary drains, and to complement the spatial expansion, the city broadly requires an addition of approximately 658 km of primary and secondary drains.

The report further said that Bengaluru's population was likely to reach 18 million by 2031, thus, it becomes doubly necessary for the real estate and infrastructure to be adequately developed to be able to absorb the population influx.

Due to population growth, the land use dynamics of the city have significantly changed, and as a result, the share of the built-up area of Bengaluru has increased from 37.4% in 2002 to 93.3% in 2020, which means most land in the city has been already used for construction.

As a result of rapid and unplanned development, the infrastructure supporting the natural ecosystem of Bengaluru, especially the stormwater drainage system, has come under severe stress, as per Knight Frank.

The report further said the unplanned development damaged the city's storm-water infrastructure, which in turn led to the flooding of the area during instances of heavy rainfall.

Celebrating the spirit of LGBTQ+ community

Rainbow Tales seeks to provide an inclusive platform for the community members, enabling them to tell stories through experiential performances, including dance, comedy, and drag

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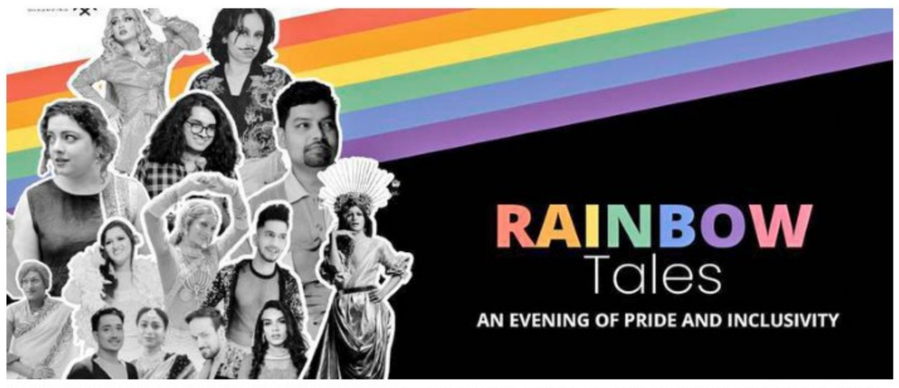
Rainbow Tales, an event hosted by the Bengaluru-based diversity consulting organisation Interweave Consulting, will be held in Bengaluru on June 14 to celebrate the spirit of the LGBTQ+ community in India.

The event, which will be held at the Bangalore International Centre (BIC), Domlur, from 5 p.m. onwards, seeks to provide an inclusive platform for the community's members, enabling them to tell their stories through various experiential performances, including dance, comedy and drag.



Rainbow Tales is an event hosted by the Bengaluru-based diversity consulting organisation Interweave Consulting.

Dance medley

As part of this event, Dancing Queens, India's first transgender dance troupe, will perform a dance medley titled "Dance with The Queens", which will focus on the challenges and stigma faced by sexual and gender minorities in the country. There will also be a poetry reading by All Sorts of Queer (ASQ) founder and poet Rohini Venkatesh Malur, who, along with four other queer poets, will explore the lives of the queer community through verse.

While Navin Noronha, India's first openly gay comedian, is all set to talk about the challenges of gay dating and coming out as gay, Alex Mather, who is one of India's popular drag artists, will present *Thaalam*, a play that focuses on a queer family and the role it plays in a society.

"Through this performance, Alex aims to tackle the stigma surrounding the LGBTQ+ community and empower people within the community and outside it to speak up against the abuse," states the release from the organisers, pointing out that the main characters of the production will be played by three drag queens and a drag king.

According to Nirmala Menon, founder and CEO of Interweave Consulting, the event seeks to highlight the challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ community and promote empathy and understanding for a more equitable future. "We strongly believe that building an inclusive society where every individual feels welcomed, accepted and safe cannot happen without the active engagement of all," she adds. "This event is one of our several attempts to bring everyone under one roof."

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 12, 1973

Fall in Percentage of Passes in SSLC

BANGALORE, June 11: There has been a downtrend in the percentage of passes in the SSLC examination conducted by the Mysore Secondary Education Examination Board. It has come down from 38 per cent in April 1972 to 35 this year. Of the 1,78,932 candidates who appeared for the examination 61,872 passed the examination. Girls have fared better. Of the 1,27,382 boys who appeared, 42,703 or 33.5 per cent have passed. Of the 51,550 girls who appeared for the examination 19,169 or 37.2 per cent have passed. South Kanara district registered first place in the percentage of passes.

Tributes to late M.S. Golwalkar

BANGALORE, June 11: Tributes were paid to the departed chief of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Mr. M.S. Golwalkar, at a public meeting held at the Sir Puttanna Chetty Town Hall here yesterday. The speaker referred to Guruji's devotion to duty, sacrifices, patriotism and character and his efforts to build a strong and united India. Dr. M.A. Narasimhachar, City Sanghachalak of the RSS, who presided, said that the task left unfinished by the Guruji should be completed. "We should build a strong Hindu Rashtra on the foundations of Hindu Dharma and Hindu Culture," he said.

(There was no issue of the newspaper on June 13, 1973)

INBRIEF

Tie-up with BJP only a rumour, says Kumaraswamy

JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy on Monday termed as rumours the reports that the JD(S) and the BJP may forge an alliance for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections. Mr. Kumaraswamy told mediapersons in Channapatna that no one had made such a proposal before him. He said he was preparing a roadmap for his party to face the elections. Answering a query, he said he was not interested in national politics.

CM: Demand for commission for nomadic tribes will be examined

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said he would decide on setting up a separate commission for nomadic tribes after studying the demand. His assurance came after a delegation headed by Nomadic Tribes Mahasabha president and former Backward Classes Commission chairman C.S. Dwarakanath met him. After hearing their problems, Mr. Siddaramaiah assured to look into the matter, a note from the Chief Minister's Office said. The delegation had representation from Sudugadu Siddaru, Dombidasa, Dakkaliga, Handijogi, Kolebasava, Hakki-Pikki, Karadi Kalandhar, Pinjara, Nadaf, Soliga, Jenu Kuruba, Gyare, Korava, Beda Gampanna, Gejjegara, Budga Jangama, Kadugolla, and Halal Khor communities. The delegation earlier met Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar with a similar demand.

Deputy Conservator of Forests suspended

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Hassan division, K. Harish, has been suspended for allegedly giving no-objection certificate to start a quarry in an area that had been declared as deemed forests at Dadighatta village in Channarayapatna taluk of Hassan district. The suspension order said that though 50.3 hectares in survey number 224 had been declared as deemed forests in 2014, the officer gave the NoC on March 31, 2023, to begin a quarry in 21 acres of land, thus violating the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and the Supreme Court order.

'Haj Bhavan will be converted into training centre'

For 10 months in a year, the Haj Bhavan would be converted into a training centre for candidates preparing for competitive examination, it was decided during a review meeting of the Minorities Department on Monday. Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan directed the officials to fix a rent for the training centre. He also said that focus should be on teaching Kannada to children studying in Moulana Azad Residential School and Colleges by appointing teachers with necessary skills. The officials informed him that ₹56 crore is needed to complete 126 Shaadi Mahals. The Minister said that of the 126 residential school for minorities in the State, 29 are operated from rented accommodation, and that efforts should be made to have own buildings by next year.

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Gruha Jyothi applicable to new houses, new tenants

Mr. George added: "After one year, they can submit their average consumption again."

The Minister clarified that this option to prove the consumption average again, would not be given to regular consumers, but only to those who moved into new houses recently. Although the government had not initially given out specific guidelines for new houses when the guidelines for the scheme were rolled out, following public pressure, Mr. George assured in a press conference that new guidelines for the same would be issued this week.

While some welcomed the government's move to extend the benefits to new occupants and tenants, many others argued that 53 units is not a sufficient quantum for urban households. According to sources in Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom), the average domestic power consumption in Bescom region is approximately 76 units.

"If there is a family of four, then there is a 90% chance that the average consumption, especially in cities would go beyond 53 units. On an average, in my household, we consume around 80-90 units with fans and geyser. Just because we rented out a new house five months ago, now we will only be eligible for 53 units. There should have been a more inclusive calculation method," said Rajan M., a resident of Bengaluru.

CM orders probe into cases of death, health issues owing to water contamination

Siddaramaiah holds review meeting on drinking water and implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday directed Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma to conduct an investigation into cases of death and health issues caused by consumption of contaminated water across the State.

His direction came during the review meeting with the district administration heads on drinking water and implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission here. "Investigate wherever, including Koppal district, deaths and health issues have been reported," he said. Two persons in Koppal and one person in Raichur died after consuming contaminated water recently.

The Chief Secretary informed him that the inquiry is underway locally, and another team is being sent from Bengaluru to ascertain the reasons. "The guilty will be identified after the investigation and action will be taken," she added.

Mr. Siddaramaiah warned the Chief Executive Officer of Koppal Zilla Panchayat of suspension if death due to consumption of contaminated water repeats. "Why did the administration not wake up after the first incident? Study the issue comprehensively. If the incident repeats, you will be responsible," he added.

Later, Mr. Siddaramaiah told presspersons that the officials have been asked to hold inquiry into the death of two people, one each in Koppal and Raichur districts, due to consumption of contaminated water.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at a meeting in Bengaluru on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A note from the Chief Minister's Office said that the senior officials of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department have been instructed to visit the spot and conduct an inquiry following which the Chief Secretary will take action. It also said that the zilla panchayat Chief Executive Officers have been directed to visit taluks and monitor the functioning of the PDOs besides checking the quality of water pipeline installation under the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme. The meeting also decided to conduct a third party audit of the works under Jal Jeevan Mission and Reverse Osmosis plants installed in the State.

Mr. Siddaramaiah instructed that the drinking water issue should be dealt with carefully and action should be taken to provide water within 24 hours of the problem being reported. While asking the officials to consider delegation of power to mitigate the water issue, the Chief Minister said delay in solving drinking water problem should not arise out of administrative delays.

Karnataka sees 67% rainfall deficiency from June 1 to 10

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka recorded 67% deficient rainfall between June 1 and 10 resulting in some areas in the State reeling under drinking water problem. Following prolonged dry spell, the government has been providing water through tankers at 322 villages in 15 districts and private borewell have been rented in 148 villages.

On Monday, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah held a videoconference with officials of the district administration in Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal, Ballari, Dakshina Kannada, and Udupi to monitor the drinking water situation and the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Stating that the government has taken note of the severe drinking water problem in some districts due to reduced rainfall, a note from the Chief Minister's Office said that the situation in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi is expected to be resolved in the coming days as the monsoon has set in.

HC gives temporary relief to Shivakumar in disproportionate assets case

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BENGALURU

In a temporary relief to Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, a Division Bench of the High Court of Karnataka on Monday stayed till July 17 the single judge's order of upholding consent given by the State government to the CBI to probe the corruption case against him for allegedly possessing ₹74.93 crore worth of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice M.G.S. Kamal passed the ad-interim order on an appeal filed by Mr. Shivakumar challenging the judge's April 20 judgment.

The ad-interim stay was granted only till the next date of hearing for the reason that the judge had granted interim protection in the nature of 'not to take coercive step' against him since September 2020 and till his petition was rejected on April 20, 2023.

Senior Advocate Udaya Holla, appearing for Mr. Shivakumar, contended that the benefit of interim protection that existed till the dismissal of the petition would be lost if the judge's order is not stayed during the pendency of the appeal. The judge had refused to interim with the sanction granted by the State government on September 25, 2019, based on the details of his assets, related to the check period of 2013-2018 when he was serving as Minister, submitted by the Enforcement Directorate.

The judge, in Mr. Shivakumar's petition, had said that the legality of consent was upheld by the court in July 2020 in a petition filed by one Shashi Kumar Shivanna, co-accused and relative of Mr. Shivakumar.

The judgment of July 2020 in Shivanna's case, upholding the consent given to CBI, was also upheld by a Division Bench, the judge had noted while dismissing Mr. Shivakumar's petition.

Yoga Day: 12,000 enthusiasts to take part at Mysuru palace

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

This year's International Day of Yoga will be hosted on Mysuru palace premises on June 21. 12,000 yoga enthusiasts will participate in the event on palace premises while over 500 people will perform yoga in the indoor Chamundi Vihar stadium, Additional Deputy Commissioner Kavita Rajaram said.

Threat to safety of civil society can't be ignored in deciding bail plea of accused in terrorism cases: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

What the court has to bear in mind is not only the rights and liberties of the accused but also the threat to safety of civil society when deciding the bail pleas of persons accused of terrorist activities, said the High Court of Karnataka.

"The argument of possible threat to the witnesses also cannot be casually discounted. This apart, there are protected witnesses too, who are waiting to depose in the criminal prosecution; it is the duty of the court to ensure their safety as well," the court observed.

A Division Bench comprising Justice Krishna S. Dixit and Justice Pradeep Sing Yerur made these observations while rejecting the second petition seeking bail filed by one Imran Ahmed, 40, an accused in the criminal case registered in connection with large-scale violence at K.G Halli-D.J. Halli localities of Bengaluru city on August 11, 2020.

Imran was one of the several accused persons chargesheeted by the National Investigation Agency under Sections 15, 16, 18, and 20 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

"We are conscious to the possible societal implications should the accused of the kind be enlarged from confinement. We are of the considered view that cause of justice would be served more by continuing him in confinement than setting him free," the Bench observed.

'Expeditiously tried'

However, the Bench hastened to add that case against the petitioner and other accused "needs to be expeditiously tried since there are several accused persons, who have suffered rejection of their bail petitions and as a consequence, are continuing in judicial custody."

"They have a fundamental right to speedy justice, cannot be lost sight of. In our view, this is a fit case for speedy trial, if possible, on a day-to-day basis. We are also aware of the burden that the learned trial judge of special court shoulders," the Bench observed.

Schoolgirl falls off bus in Haveri dist.

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

A 14-year-old schoolgirl who was standing on the footboard in a crowded bus died after falling off the bus in Haveri district on Monday.

The deceased has been identified as Madhu Kumbar. The incident occurred near Kusanur village in Hanagal taluk of Haveri district.

Prasanna seeks autonomous status for Bengaluru centre of NSD

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Renowned theatre personality Prasanna has sought a full-fledged and autonomous theatre institute status for the Bengaluru centre of the National School of Drama (NSD).

In a letter to the Minister of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi, he said, "This unfortunate centre (Bengaluru NSD centre) is languishing ever since it was set up in 2007. NSD Bengaluru centre was set up as a result of a glorious movement led by Kannada theatre activists, for many years, prior to 2007."

Theatre is a language and culture-specific medium and can be treated as such. But, the unfortunate policy of "One Nation - One School" for theatre training had led to a peculiar situation wherein a non-Hindi student was, and still is, forced to learn Hindi, in order to learn acting in her or his language, Mr. Prasanna observed.

"This flawed policy has only helped Bollywood in garnering talent from beyond the Hindi heartland for the Hindi cinema. This same policy, on the contrary, had a disastrous impact on the theatre movement in the rest of the country. Kannadigas were demanding from the Ministry that it correct the flaw and recognise that every language in the 8th schedule is a national language. And hence, every State Theatre is a National Theatre," he demanded, in his letter.

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All that piece and parcel of the Commercial Property bearing Site No.12, in Sy. No.18,Corporation No.3, BBMP PID No.64-84-3, situated at GurappanaPalya, 100 feet Road, BTM 1st Stage, admeasuring East to West:30 feet and North to South:50 feet, totally 1500sq.ft. with a commercial building constructed thereon, with RCC roof, built in brick and cement,with amenities like electricity, water supply and sanitary facilities, within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike, and bounded on the
East by : Private Property , **West by :** Vendors Land
North by : Private Property , **South by :** Road

ITEM No.2

All that piece and parcel of the Commercial Property bearing Site No.12, in Sy.No.18, Corporation No.3, BBMP PID No.64-84-3, situated at Gurappana Palya, 100 feet Road, BTM 1st Stage, admeasuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 5 feet, totally 150 sq.ft. with a commercial building constructed thereon, with RCC roof, built in brick and cement,with amenities like electricity, water supply and sanitary facilities, within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, and bounded on the
East by : Private Property , **West by** : Vendors Balaraj & Others Property
North by : Private Property **South by** : Property Belongs to V.M.Habibur Rahamans Property

Sd/- Mohankumar.N Advocate
#8, 1st Floor ,6th cross, 1st Main Road ,Sampangiramnagar Bangalore-560050.
Cell-9844351849.

TUNGABHADRA BOARD: TB DAM
e-Procurement Short Term & Long Term Tender Notice
IFB Nos.77/2023-24 to 92/2023-24
Dt.12.06.2023, 25/2022-23 & 37/2022-23 Dt.29.05.2023

Tender for total 18 Nos. of Works in respect of HW & HLC Division, TB Dam and LLC Division, Ballari under works categories are invited through `e-Procurement'.

Bid Document downloading Start Date & Time	13.06.2023 at 11:00 AM
Bid Document downloading End Date & Time : (IFB No.77 to 82, 25, 37	20.06.2023 at 3:00 PM
Bid Submission End Date & Time : (IFB No.77 to 82, 25, 37)	20.06.2023 at 5:30 PM
Date of opening of Commercial Stage: (IFB No.77 to 82, 25, 37)	20.06.2023 at 6.00 PM
Bid Document downloading End Date & Time : (IFB No.83 to 92	27.06.2023 at 3:00 PM
Bid Submission End Date & Time : (IFB No.83 to 92)	27.06.2023 at 5:30 PM
Date of opening of Commercial Stage: (IFB No.83 to 86)	27.06.2023 at 6.00 PM
Date of opening of PQ Stage (IFB No.87 to 92)	27.06.2023 at 6.00 PM
Date of opening of Commercial Stage: (IFB No.87)	30.06.2023 at 11.00 AM
Date of opening of Commercial Stage*: (IFB No.88 to 92)	30.06.2023 at 11.00 AM
Date of opening of TQ Stage (IFB No.88 to 92)	30.06.2023 at 3.00 PM

Further details can be seen @ https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in
* Commencement of Reverse Tendering

Ph: 08394 - 259114
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Sd/- **Superintending Engineer**
I.B, TB Board, TB Dam

A book for the smells that make a town

Indu Antony's book, *Vasané* (smell in Kannada), is an olfactory art project that attempts to chronicle the different smells of Bengaluru

Preeti Zachariah

Indu Antony still remembers her experience of visiting Church Street, when she moved to Bengaluru 21 years ago. "We used to dress up and walk up and down that road," she says, pointing out that the area is always filled with a young crowd, the romance and tension in the air as palpable as the lingering odour of cigarettes.

The smell of cigarettes becomes a metaphor for heartbreak in *Vasané* (smell in Kannada), an olfactory art project by the Bengaluru-based artist, which attempts to chronicle the different smells of the city.

Scent map

Packaged in a limited-edition book format, the project has several sections, including a postcard, small vials of scent, a scent map of the city and some research notes about the project.

One of the things documented in these notes is the history of olfactory art, suggesting that it could have originated back in 1938, when the French artist Marcel Duchamp, a pioneer of the avant-garde Dada Art movement that revolutionised the way people perceived art, filled a show with the aroma of roasting coffee.

"The idea of commodifying olfactory art is challenged by the ephemerality and immateriality of odours," she writes in this booklet, pointing out that though olfactory art has a long history, it is often limited by the demands of the art market.

Vasané, interestingly, manages to get past this challenge in its current format. The book, which is priced at ₹3,500, offers a way to merge the transient with the tangible, allowing its purchaser to bring home a whiff of Bengaluru.

"I wanted it to be an experiential thing," says Antony, who thinks of it as an art-as-an-experience book through which one encounters the city.

Unlike a city like Chennai, where the briny scent of the sea overpowers everything, Bengaluru has pockets of different smells, believes Antony who began work on the project during the pandemic, "when everyone was wearing masks and were not able to smell the city."

She started by talking to people, asking them about their smell memory of the city. "A lot of people talked about similar smells," recalls the artist, who went on to pick the 12 most common ones, including the aforesaid cigarettes, filter coffee, Mysore Sandal soap and Bellandur Lake. Talking about the science behind the project, she points out that the olfactory nerve, instrumental in shaping our sense of smell, is very close to the amygdala, the part of the brain that processes the emotions associated with a particular memory.

Scent of the city Indu Antony (below) and her book *Vasané*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"In Bangalore, people constantly talk about nostalgia," says Antony. "People want to hold on to a certain kind of memory and having a smell memory brings in a lot of emotion."

Archive of smells

On the long white-covered benches that fill the viewing room at the Indian Institute for Human Settlements, where Vasané was recently exhibited, a number of glass cloches are placed with an envelope beside each one. Visitors weave between the benches, pick up and sniff into the cloche, and try to guess the scent. "I think this is cake," says one, before opening up the envelope to confirm his guess. He is not far off the mark: the scent is an attempt to bottle the memory of passing by the iconic Iyengar bakery, redolent with the aroma of freshly-baked bread and delicious confections.

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>
> **INDU ANTONY**
> Writer

Sharp tang

Another cloche holds the sharp tang of sambar powder while a third captures the milky sweetness of freshly-brewed filter coffee. "This was one of the hardest smells to get right," says Antony, admitting that while coffee is an easy smell, getting the hints of milk and sugar was hard.

Other difficult smells? Cigarettes and Bellandur Lake, she says, pointing out that one of the challenges of recreating smells is that the human response to different odours is not universal.

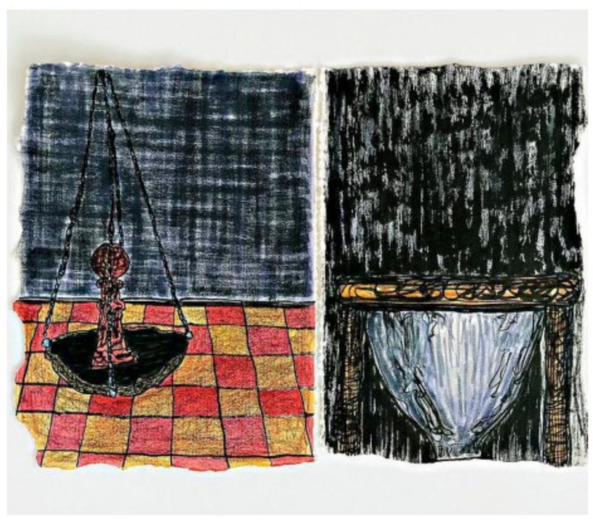
"How I smell something is very different from how you would smell it," she says. "People react differently to smells."

Working closely with Avinandan, a third-generation smell-enthusiast, whose family business, Satyanarayan Traders, has been selling perfume ingredients in Chickpete since 1955, Antony distilled around 23 smells, 12 of which have made it to the final book. Also, they have documented around 137, she says, adding that they hope to make even more perfumes, finances permitting.

As someone whose art has always reflected her deep connection with the city and the community she lives in, Antony is cognizant of the link between cultural belonging and public memory. It is why she hopes to show *Vasané* in more accessible spaces, going beyond the gallery ecosystem.

"People on the ground may not be interested in going to an art space," she says. "To really engage, it (art) cannot be separated from the city."

To contribute to the archive of smells or know more about Vāsané write to mazhibooks@gmail.com



A different take Art by Clyde D'Mello (below). SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Time after Time

Ruth Dhanaraj

Greek gods. Old Testament prophets. Fire and Brimstone. Time and Space. There is a recurrence of these topics in the works of visual artist Clyde D'Mello and with good reason.

Most people remember that defining moment in their lives with clarity. So does visual artist Clyde D'Mello. "As a child I would frequent a bookstore near the church every week. There I picked up a book on classical art – it was the catalogue of the Prado Museum in Spain. That was my introduction to the fine arts," says Clyde, adding that he was around 12 years old then.

Pursuing art and becoming an artist turned into his goal and to this end, he graduated from Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath (KCP) in Bengaluru and later Shantiniketan in West Bengal, where he enrolled for his masters in Fine Arts.

"I chose to delve deeper into art history to have an overall view of art as I didn't want to be ignorant of what I am working on. It was at Shantiniketan that I picked up on the nuances of drawing as an art practice. At that time, it was mostly in reference to the great masters and classical art, albeit in a satirical sense," he says, adding that a few of his early shows were largely textual or on graphic design.

During a residency program in Japan, Clyde fell in love with Japanese ink (Sumi ink) and that became his medium of choice. "A lot of works on display at Clockworks were created with this ink."

He believes his taking to Sumi ink is serendipitous considering that while at Shantiniketan they learnt a lot about Japanese aesthetic, a concept Tagore deeply favoured.

As is the case with most readers in the city, the discovery of the Blossoms Book House was a game changer for Clyde with classics and works by the Stoics jostling for his attention alongside tomes on art history and Greek mythology.

In the midst of all this was Dante's *Divine Comedy* with detailed descriptions of *inferno, purgatorio* and *paradiso* (hell, purgatory and heaven). "Quite a few pieces in the show are inspired by that and the books of *Revelations* and *Ezekiel* in the *Bible* which are about the end of time."

Despite his passion and encouragement by the likes of artist Shibu Arakkal who told him to, "draw anything, create what is in your head," Clyde found himself hesitating. "I remember visiting an exhibition of South African artist William Kentridge in Mumbai a few years ago and being floored by the work on display. The pandemic gave me time to realise that I don't need to be restricted but to try things and see what happens. I began working on collages and different media such as dry pastels and charcoal."

The result is Clockworks of Dream and Reality, a collection of his works from 2017, ranging in size from 5x4" (a single dictionary page) and 8x6" (a double sheet) to larger pieces of 20x24". A page from the catalogue of the Prado Museum is also a part of one of the works currently on display.

There is a mystical, surreal storybook feel to Clyde's work, though more *Alice in Wonderland* than Arabian Nights.

Clockworks of Dream and Reality will be on display at Gallery Time and Space till June 22.

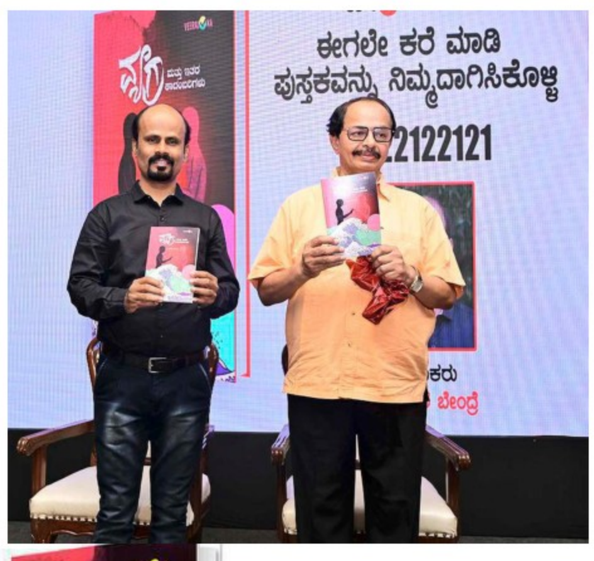
Capturing the essence of North Karnataka through his stories

Shilpa Anandraj

Journalist and author Kumar Benre's Kannada novel, *Vyagra and other Novels*, published by Veeraloka Prakashana, was recently released by Kannada film director Nagathihalli Chandrashekar at Ramanashree Hotel, Sampangirama Nagar.

The release was a part of the publishing house's one-year anniversary celebrations, where 12 other books were launched. The event was attended by stalwarts including Rajya Sabha Member GC Chandrasekhara, CN Manjunath, TN Seetarama, Vishweshwar Bhatt, Ravindra Bhatt, Jogi and G. Mohan.

Vyagra..., Kumar says is a collection of three novels, *Vyagra*, *Alivu* and *Avasana*, and speaks of complex social problems, challenges and dilemmas that people face. *Vyagra* is a story of an oppressed man who lashes out against the system in anger. "*Alivu* and *Avasana* set during COVID-19, brings out the harsh realities of unemployment, hunger, death."



Of books and lives Author Kumar Bendre with director Nagathihalli Chandrashekar, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

> Written in the Hubli dialect, the book and stories capture the culture, lifestyle and essence of Hubli
>
> **KUMAR BENDRE**

Alivu revolves around a lower middle class family, says Kumar. "The family loses its source of employment as they struggle with hunger and loss. *Avasana* is about a temple *purohit*. During the pandemic, all places of worship including temples were shutdown. *Avasana* is the story of one such purohit, the only earning member in his family and what they do to keep the family afloat during those trying times."

Written in the Hubli dialect, Kumar says his book and the stories capture the culture, lifestyle and essence of Hubli. Kumar, a graduate of Fine Arts and Master of Arts Kannada (MA), currently works as a journalist in Hubli. He took to writing prose and poetry two decades ago. Some of his notable works are *Paravasha, Manasemba Maayaavi, Gandhi Vrutta Dange, Nirvana, Madappana savu, Daali, Jogavva*.

Jogavva was launched in 2006 at Akka Vishwa Kannada Sammellana in Washington. The book received an award in the novel competition at the sammellana. Kumar's book. *Nirvana*, his collection of short stories won the Rajya Kannada Sahitya Parishad award, while another short story collection, *Devara Nele*, won the best story prize in the Sankraman literature competition.

STEPOUT

Insight into the wild

ON TILL JUNE 13
An art exhibition, titled *Eye for Wild* concludes today. The exhibition is organised by Adavi Foundation and is on at Chitrakala Parishat. On display are photographs of a variety of wildlife. The images are a part of the pan-India photography contest for which they received over 200 pictures.

A piano concert

JUNE 13, 7PM
US-based concert pianist – Chelsea de Souza – will perform at the Bangalore School of Music (BSM). She will present a lecture recital, *The Silk Road: A Tale of Musical Trade between East and West*.
For details call Bangalore School of Music, RT Nagar, on 41285017.

Celebrating fathers

JUNE 18, NOON TO 10.30PM
Chowman presents a Father's Day meal, a specially curated meal with dishes such as wine and crab meat soup, konjee crispy three treasure mushroom, Shanghai style meifoon, stir-fried lamb slices and more.
Available for Dine in and home delivery on Chowman App, Swiggy and Zomato.

INBRIEF

Centre developing 75 ponds in each dist.: Muraleedharan

Minister of State for External Affairs Minister V. Muraleedharan on Monday said that the Centre was developing 75 ponds in each district under the 'Mission Amrit Sarovar' to mark 75 years of Independence. Mr. Muraleedharan, accompanied by Kakinada MP Vanga Geetha and district officials, on Monday, inspected the ongoing works at the 70-acre pond being developed near Pithapuram to conserve water and improve irrigation facilities. The Minister has also inspected the construction activity of the 150-bed ESI Hospital in Kakinada. The hospital is being built at a cost of ₹114 crore. Mr. Muraleedharan has visited the Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centre and Rythu Bharosa Kendra at Ganganapalli in Kakinada rural area.

Hyderabad to host agriculture meet as part of G-20

Union Minister for Tourism, Culture and Development of Northeast Region G. Kishan Reddy on Monday said as part of G-20 meeting, a three-day agriculture working group of Ministers is scheduled at Hitex Convention in Hyderabad on June 15-17. He said this would be followed by the 18th and final meeting of the G-20, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi, on September 9 and 10.

Differences in Cong. will be resolved through talks: Tariq

AICC general secretary in charge of Kerala affairs reaches Kochi to address a conclave organised by the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee; says everyone in a democratic party can't be satisfied

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary Tariq Anwar said here on Monday that the differences expressed by group leaders of the State unit of the Congress over the newly appointed block committee presidents would be resolved through dialogue and discussion.

"If someone has any grievances, I will talk to them and pacify them. People raise such issues in a democratic party. We will resolve it," he told pressmen at the Cochin International Airport at Nedumbassery.

The AICC general secretary in charge of Kerala affairs of the party reached Kochi to address a conclave organised by the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee for the new block presidents on Tuesday.

On the statements by leaders of the 'A' and 'I' factions that the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) leadership and the Leader of the Opposition did not listen to them while finalising the block presidents, Mr. Anwar said it was not correct as a seven-member committee formed to oversee the selection process had representation of all sections of the party.

"Senior leaders were consulted. But you cannot satisfy everyone in a democratic party," he said.

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> AICC general secretary

Rejig to continue: KPCC

Earlier, KPCC president K. Sudhakaran said the process of appointing presidents of mandalam committees in the Congress would start soon.

"The reorganisation in the State unit of the party at various levels will continue. Mandalam presidents will be appointed in the next round followed by the reorganisation at the booth level. Congress unit committees will be formed after the rejig at the booth level," he said in his inaugural address at the conclave being held at Aluva.

The leaders of the 'A' and 'I' groups, including Ramesh Chennithala, M.M. Hassan, and Benny Behanan, who had made their differences public over the selection of block presidents, did not attend the meet though KPCC leadership had requested them to attend.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Saurashtra & Kutch, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, Kerala and Mahe. Heat wave/severe heat wave conditions likely in isolated pockets of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and coastal Andhra Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	15	33.0	25.9	Kozhikode	25	29.3	25.3
Ahmedabad	—	37.9	28.5	Kurnool	4	38.5	26.0
Aizawl	0.6	32.5	21.1	Lucknow	—	41.0	29.4
Allahabad	—	45.1	30.6	Madurai	—	39.7	26.7
Bengaluru	0.5	32.6	21.7	Mangaluru	25.8	32.7	24.5
Bhopal	—	—	28.6	Mumbai	4	36.8	24.5
Bhubaneswar	—	44.3	29.0	Mysuru	—	34.0	22.0
Chandigarh	—	39.4	26.2	New Delhi	—	41.2	28.8
Chennai	2	40.6	25.6	Patna	6	41.8	27.7
Coimbatore	—	34.4	24.0	Port Blair	66	30.0	23.8
Dehradun	—	37.8	23.0	Puducherry	—	38.2	28.8
Gangtok	70	21.8	17.6	Pune	—	36.7	26.5
Goa	26	34.0	25.1	Raipur	—	44.0	30.5
Guwahati	5	34.1	24.6	Ranchi	—	39.4	28.0
Hubballi	—	34.0	24.0	Shillong	53	23.8	17.3
Hyderabad	2	38.8	26.5	Shimla	—	26.2	17.4
Imphal	16	28.4	20.9	Srinagar	—	29.8	14.6
Jaipur	—	40.6	30.8	Thiruvananthapuram	6	30.4	24.5
Kochi	22	28.6	25.6	Tiruchi	—	39.5	28.0
Kohima	45	26.2	17.8	Vijayawada	—	41.4	30.2
Kolkata	18	35.5	22.4	Visakhapatnam	—	35.1	30.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.24	..42	.64	44	72	.....
Bengaluru	.26	..11	100	40	49	.....
Chennai	...3	..80	.62	50	46	.....
Delhi	...7	..30	.36	...229	...255	.....
Hyderabad	.13	8	.32	67	72	.....
Kolkata	...9	..12	.27	59	67	.....
Lucknow	.10	..33	.44	...231	...216	.....
Mumbai	.48	6	.27	64	...226	.....
Pune	114	158	115	62	55	.....
Visakhapatnam	.15	..50	.30	69	...126	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Hanumangarh, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 258 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sivasagar, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 12

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

AICC secretary, other leaders placed under house arrest in Telangana

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The police confined that former MLA and All India Congress Committee (AICC) Secretary A. Sampath Kumar was under house arrest at Shanthinagar in Vaddepalli mandal of Gadwal district from the wee hours of Monday ahead of Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao's visit to the district headquarters to inaugurate the integrated District Collectorate. Congress has alleged that he and other leaders of erstwhile Mahabubnagar district were arrested in view of the CM's visit.

Speaking to reporters at his camp office, Mr. Sampath alleged that several Opposition leaders were arrested illegally and it was not right on the part of the government. "The BRS Government has been overreacting when someone represents the public voice and intends to submit a memorandum. Whether it is Opposition leaders, student union leaders or farmers - every voice is being suppressed and arrested," said Mr. Sampath demanding that the government release those arrested, immediately.

Monson case: police arraigns KPCC chief as second accused

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Crime Branch probing the cases against Monson Mavunkal, a self-styled antiquities dealer and an accused in cheating and POCSO cases, has arraigned Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee president K. Sudhakaran, MP, as the second accused in a cheating case and filed a report before a court to that effect.

The investigation team served a notice on Mr. Sudhakaran summoning him to depose before it at the Crime Branch office at Kalamassery on Wednesday.

Sources said the investigation team wanted to seek clarification from the senior Congress leader on certain issues.

In their petition, complainants, who had accused Monson of having cheated them of ₹10 crore, had claimed that they had handed over ₹25 lakh to the alleged fraudster in the presence of Mr. Sudhakaran. While Mr. Sudhakaran admitted his acquaintance with Monson, he had dismissed being party to any of his fraudulent deals.

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, BANGALORE
Estate Office, GKVK Campus, Bangalore-560065.
NO: EO/TN/498/2023-24 Date: 05-06-2023
TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through e-procurement from the Registered Experienced and Qualified Chartered Accountants as per Standard Tender Document KC5 in Two cover system for **(1) Auditing the accounts of all projects / schemes sponsored by various Agencies (2) e-filling of TDS of UAS(B) account (Salary Section, Works, Contingency and Budget Section) at UAS, GKVK, Bangalore for a period of Three years. (CALL-2)** The details of the notification, schedule, specifications are available in the website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The cost of tender document is as per e-procurement portal. The EMD of Rs.20,000/- each has to be paid in the e-procurement portal using e-procurement payment modes.

The two cover system consists of technical proposal and financial proposal. The Firm should upload the following documents to become eligible: 1) Firm Registration Certificate; 2) GST Certificate, 3) General experience; 4) Similar nature of work done certificate; 5) Turnover statement of last 3 years; 6) Manpower details of the firm.

Blank Tender Documents can be down loaded from **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. The Pre-bid meeting will be held on **15.6.2023 at 10.30 AM**. Last date and time for uploading the tender through e-procurement is **19.6.2023 up to 4.00 p.m.** The Technical bid will be opened on **21.6.2023 at 10.30 a.m.** Financial bid will be opened on **24.6.2023 at 10.30 a.m.** For more details please contact e-portal help desk at **support@eprochelpdesk.com** or **8046010000/ 8068948777** on working days and this office during working hour, Phone No. 080-23332765.

Sd/-
Estate Officer
DIPR/CP/244/AAA/2023-24

Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited
(Formerly Known as Mysore Minerals Limited)
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Regd. Office: TTMC 'A' Block, 5th Floor, BMTC Building, Shanthinagar, K. H. Road, Bengaluru-560 027.
Phone: 080-2227 8813 / 14 / 15 / 16, Fax No.080-2221 3172,
Website: www.ksmc.karnataka.gov.in
No.1066/KSMCL/Explosives/e-Tender/2023-24/560 Date:12.06.2023
Short Term e-TENDER INVITATION

KSMCL invites e-Tender for Supply of Explosives to Mines & Quarries. Under e-tendering system through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

E-Procurement Reference	KSMCL/2023-24/IND0001
File Reference No.:	No.1066/KSMCL/Explosives/ e-Tender/2023-24/ call-7
Commencement to Download from website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in:	**From 12/06/2023**
Last date for receiving pre-bid queries :	**15/06/2023 at 5:00 p.m.**
Pre-bid meeting at H O of KSMCL	**16/06/2023 at 12:00 a.m.**
Last date and time for uploading of e-tender in E-procurement platform on or before:	**19/06/2023 upto 5:00 p.m.**
Opening of Technical Bid in e-portal	**21/06/2023 at 11:00 a.m.**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) :	**Zone –I : Rs. 58,000/-** **Zone-II : Rs. 22,000/-** **Zone-I&II: Rs. 80,000/-**

DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO247/23-24 **Sd/- General Manager (A&V)**

Government of Karnataka
Department of Health and Family welfare
Office of the District Health and Family Welfare officer, Vijayanagara
E-mail ;dhovijayanagara21@gmail.com
No:DHO/Tender Notification/Out Source/01/2022-23
Date : 10/06/2023
-:TENDER NOTIFICATION :-

For the financial year 2023-24 Tender is called through e-procurement for the Supply of Man Power on Out Source basis. The tender can be seen and downloaded through http://eproc.karnataka.gov.inportal from date:13-06-2023. Last date to upload the tender document is on date :30-06-2023, 4:00pm. Tender period will be from the date of work order to date:31-03-2024.

Sd/- District Health and Family Welfare Officer
DIPR/Vijayanagar/21/KSMCA/2023-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, SEIAA, Karnataka constituted by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India has issued Environmental Clearance to Bagalkote Town Development Authority for "Construction of Proposed Development of Rehabilitation and Resettlement site for creation of New Township Navanagar Unit-III Bagalkote in between Navanagar and Old Bagalkote Town under Upper Krishna Phase-III" located at Sy. No 142/1, 142/2A, 142/2B and others of Bagalkote Village, Sy. No 157/1D, 157/2, 160/1A and others of Muchkhandi village and Sy. No 76/1, 76/2, 76/3, 76/4, 77/1 and others of Shigikeri village of Bagalkote District, Karnataka. Vide EC Identification No. EC23B039KA191648 & File No. SEIAA 143 CON 2022 dt:03/06/2023. This Environmental Clearance Letter issued by the SEIAA can be accessed at the Ministry website https://parivesh.nic.in

Date: 09.06.2023
Place: Bagalkote

Sd/-Executive Engineer
Bagalkote Town Development Authority
Division No. 02, Bagalkote
DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-37/KSMCA/2023-24

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
[SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION VIDE COURT ORDER DATED: 31/05/2023]
CMP No. 146/2019
[VIDEO CONFERENCING/PHYSICAL HEARING]
PETITIONER/s : SMT. VENKATALAKSHMAMMA
-Vs-
RESPONDENT/s: M/S. RELIANCE INFOCOMM LIMITED.

TO, RESPONDENT: M/S. RELIANCE INFOCOMM LIMITED, HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT AVADESH HOUSE, 3RD FLOOR, PREETAM NAGAR, ELLIS BRIDGE, AHMEDABAD -380 006.

CIRCLE OFFICE AT: RELIANCE HOUSE, 8TH MILE, HESARAGHATTA CROSS, NH-4, TUMKUR ROAD, BANGALORE-560057.

AND ALSO AT: M/S. RELIANCE INFRATEL LTD., NO. 54, HM TOWERS, 4TH FLOOR, MAGRATH ROAD JUNCTION, BRIGADE ROAD, ASHOK NAGAR, BANGALORE- 560 001.
RESPONDENT/S

Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed a CMP on this Court Under Section 11(5) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996, as in the copy annexed hereunto.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you, in this matter on **30/06/2023 AT 10:30 A.M** in case you intend to contest the Petition. If you fail to appear, the petition will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Court, this the 05th Day of June 2023.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

TAMIL NADU FIBRENET CORPORATION LIMITED,
(A Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking)
e-Tender Notice

1.	Tender Inviting Authority, Designation and Address	General Manager(Projects 1), TANFINET Corporation, 807, 5th Floor, P.T.Lee Chengalvaraya Naicker Maaligai, Anna Salai, Chennai-2.
2.	a) Name of the work	Selection of Service Provider(s) for providing connectivity services to Govt. Department on rate contract basis.
	b) Tender reference	NIT_TANFINET_016_Govt_Dept_Connectivity
	c) Place of Execution	Tamil Nadu
3.	Tender Document available place, cost for obtaining tender	**www.tntenders.gov.in in the e-Tender portal. 13.06.2023 11:00 AM.**
4.	Earnest Money Deposit amount	The EMD Amount of **Rs. 2,00,000/-** (Rupees Two Lakhs Only) for those who are bidding for One Part or **Rs. 5,00,000/-** (Rupees Five Lakhs Only) for those who are bidding for Multiple Part (More than one PART) should be paid electronically through e-tender portal.
5.	Pre-Bid meeting	**16.06.2023, 03:00 PM,** as per the tender document
6.	Bid submission start date and time.	**21.06.2023, 11:00 AM,** as per the tender document
7.	Due date, time, and place for submission of tender	**28.06.2023, 03:00 PM,** as per the tender document
8.	Place, Date and Time of tender opening	**28.06.2023, 04:00 PM,** as per the tender document

DIPR/2980/TENDER/2023 சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம். சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம். General Manager(Projects 1),Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation Limited.

TAMIL NADU INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL

Preparation of a Concept Plan and a Detailed Project Report for the establishment of a World Class Biodiversity Conservation Park at Kadambur, near Maraimalai Nagar, Chengalpattu District, Tamilnadu, India

1. The Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board invites proposal from consultants for Preparation of a Concept Plan and a Detailed Project Report for the establishment of a World Class Biodiversity Conservation Park at Kadambur, near Maraimalai Nagar, Chengalpattu District, Tamilnadu, India.
2. Request for Proposal (RfP) may be downloaded from the websites - **https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app** and **https://tnidb.tn.gov.in/en/.** The Bid Security amount of **Rs.1,00,000/-** is to be paid through e-procurement portal.
3. A pre-bid meeting for the prospective applicants is scheduled on **22.06.2023 at 11:00 Hours.**
4. Proposals complete in all respect must be submitted online through the e-Procurement process as specified in the RFP on or before **15.00** Hours on **12.07.2023.**
5. All other details are available in the Request for Proposal (RfP).

CEO, TNIDB
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Office of the Chief Commissioner, Annex Building-1,
N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002
No:BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/4226/2023-24 **FORM III** Date: 01.06.2023
PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of powers conferred under section 14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961 the following Area mentioned in the schedule below is required by The Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for **St. John's Church Road (Service Road), Bengaluru** for implementing the proposals of the Local Authority.

The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (Land Acquisition and TDR) Head Office, BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of Land / Building area surrendered and landowners for which DRC is to be issued.

Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk: **Bengaluru** Name of the Village: **Ward No-78, Pulikeshinagar**

Sy.No/ Khatha No.	Type of Land		Nature of Land			Dimension of the Land/ Plot & Extent in Sq.M		Boundaries of the Land / Plot				Building Details			Present Activity on Land/Building (Specify Specific activity such as Shop, Office, Factory, Apartment, Individual house etc.,	Market (guide -lines) value of the land Per Sq.M (in Rs.)	Name and address of the owner of the plot/Land for Which DRC is to be issued
	Vacant	Built up	Agriculture	Converted undeveloped	Approved Layout / developed Land Building Site	Dimension	Extent	North	South	East	West	Extent in Sq.M	Type of Construction & No.of Floors	Floor Area Ratio			
CTS No: 1533, PID No: 85 (Old-35)	Vacant Land			Converted A Khata Land		56.70 Sqm		Remaining Portion of CTS No: 1553	St. John's Church Road	Service Road	Netaji Road	None	None	None	Vacant	1,34,860/- Per Sqm	Sri. C.N. Kumar S/o Lt. CR Nagappa, No: 16, Kasturabaa Road, Civil Station, Bengaluru

Objections and suggestions made be submitted at the address specified below:

Name and address of the divisional / Sub divisional / branch offices	Special Land Acquisition Officer,1st Floor, Room No.107, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, BBMP, Bengaluru - 560 002.

Sd/-
Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

The third instalment of tax devolution to States from the Centre

1.13 in ₹ lakh crore. This surpasses the normal monthly devolution of ₹59,140 crore. The advance aims to enable expedited capital spending, financing of welfare-related expenditure etc. PTI

The funds under the PMJVK scheme lying 'unused' with States

4,500 In ₹ crore. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram is a scheme under which infrastructure and basic amenities are being created in identified areas. PTI

The fall in India's soyabean import in 2022-2023: SOPA

9.9 In percentage. Soyabean import is estimated to be five lakh tonnes in the ongoing 2022-23 oil year (October-September) as against the 5.55 lakh tonnes in the previous year. PTI

The rise in industrial output in April 2023 as per MOSPI data

4.2 In percentage. The year-on-year index of industrial production rose from 1.7% in March 2023, according to data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. REUTERS

The people who were moved anticipating Cyclone Biparjoy

7,500 people. The cyclone aiming Pakistan's Sindh province and the Gujarat coastline is expected to make landfall on the coast. AP

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Will a hike in MSP help farmers?

What is the government claim on remunerative prices to growers? Will the increase in minimum support price encourage crop diversification? Why are farmers not satisfied and what do they propose instead?

EXPLAINER

Vikas Vasudeva

The story so far:

Last week, the Centre announced the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for this year's summer (kharif) season crops, hiking prices between 5-10% from last season, "to ensure remunerative prices to growers for their produce and to encourage crop diversification." A section of farmer representatives have expressed unhappiness over what they term as a 'meagre' hike in the MSP, defeating the government's intent of securing a "remunerative price". On the other hand, agriculture domain experts believe that an increase in the MSP may give a slight respite to growers, but argue that in the absence of any dependable or assured market mechanism of procurement-purchase for crops on the MSP in most parts of the country, the purpose of encouraging "crop diversification" gets defeated.

How does the MSP work?

The MSP, which is a part of the government's agricultural price policy, is the price at which the government offers to procure farmers' produce during the season. It works as a tool to stabilise production and to control consumer prices, yet farmers across the country have been facing problems of selling their produce at the MSP. Delays in establishing procurement centres, exploitation at the hands of commission agents, who most of the time buy the produce from farmers below the MSP, and a lack of awareness about the MSP among a large section of farmers, are some of the challenges growers have been facing for years now. Against this background, farmers have been demanding a 'legal status' to the MSP. The government, including the Centre and States, ought to come up with a system to set up an 'assured market mechanism,' point out farmers. The MSP has little meaning unless farmers' produce is procured/purchased at the assured price.

What is the government's announcement?

On June 7, the government announced the MSP for 17 'kharif' crops, like paddy, pulses (moong, arhar, urad), oilseeds like groundnut and soyabean and cotton, for the marketing season of 2023-24. These were approved at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA). According to the government statement, the increase in MSP is in line with the Union Budget 2018-19 announcement of fixing the MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times the all-India weighted average cost of production, which aims at a reasonably fair remuneration for the farmers. Food Minister Piyush Goyal said the increase in MSP of kharif crops for this year is the highest compared to previous years.

Why are farmers worried?

Several farmers' outfits have expressed their discontentment over the latest MSP for the summer crops, terming it as insufficient. According to the All India Kisan Sabha, the declared MSP is "unfair, belies the hopes of the farmers and inflicts huge losses in their incomes." Rising input costs coupled with unfair MSP will push large sections of farmers, especially the small, marginal, and middle-level farmers, as well as tenants into indebtedness, says Ashok Dhawale, president of AIKS. The longstanding promise made by the Bharatiya Janata Party in 2014 that the MSP will be given according to the Swaminathan Commission recommendation of C2+50% (C2 or comprehensive cost of production) remains an unfulfilled election promise, he adds.

The Bharatiya Kisan Union (Ekta-Ugrahan), one of the largest farmer unions in Punjab and a member of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), the umbrella body of around 500 farmer outfits, has dismissed the MSP hike, saying that the government's notion of ensuring 1.5 times the cost of production on crops does not help in addressing the farmers' plight as it does not provide remunerative price. "It's merely an eyewash," says the outfit leader Sukhdev Singh Korikalan, as he adds that MSP should be based on the Swaminathan Commission's formula of C2+50%. "Also, the government needs to make MSP a statutory right of the farmers. Farmers need to have an assurance that their crops will be purchased at the MSP to survive in the otherwise economically-unsustainable agricultural sector," he points out.

What are agriculture experts saying?

Noted economist Dr. Ranjit Singh Ghuman, currently a professor of eminence (Economics) at Guru Nanak Dev University in Amritsar, points out that the past track record shows that only three to four crops (mainly wheat, paddy and cotton and at times some pulses), were being procured at MSP while the remaining crops were being procured at much below the MSP.

"This is mainly because the farmers are left at the mercy of market forces and the private players. Non-implementation of MSP and below-MSP-procurement of a large number of crops, inter alia, has been one of the major hurdles in 'crop diversification' which is so vital for Indian agriculture and in saving the environment. Ineffective implementation of MSP and 'non-procurement' of all the crops at the MSP is also one of the main concerns of farmers. Such a scenario builds a strong rationale for giving 'legal status' to MSP as it is the floor or reference price. This does not imply that the government should procure all those crops but would certainly bind the private players to procure those crops at least at the MSP. While facilitating crop-diversification it would raise farmers' income which is being propagated by the government," he says.

What about foodgrain stock?

As per third advance estimates for 2022-23, total foodgrain production in the country is estimated at a record 330.5 million tonnes which is higher by 14.9 million tonnes compared to 2021-22. This is the highest increase in the last five years, according to government data. The total stocks of rice and wheat held by Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State agencies as on May 1, 2023, was 555.34 lakh tonnes comprising 265.06 lakh tonnes of rice and 290.28 lakh tonnes of wheat.

Former professor at the Ludhiana-based Punjab Agricultural University, M.S. Sidhu, asserts that the delay in monsoon would impact cropping in non-irrigated regions of the country. "Around 51% area in the country is rain-fed, so if rains are delayed some impact is bound to be seen. But the country's foodgrains stocks are at a comfortable level, there's nothing to worry as of now," he adds.

What lies ahead?

The MSP attempts to strike a balance between the interest of growers and consumers. The government's price support policy attempts to provide a fair return to farmers while keeping in view the interest of consumers in a way that prices of food and other agricultural commodities are kept at a reasonable level. Farming over the years, for the majority, especially small and marginal farmers, has not turned out to be remunerative. A rise in their income could be the long-term answer to farmers' financial distress. To ensure this rise in income, the government should focus on setting up an effective system to provide assured purchase and returns to farmers for all major crops at the MSP, as is done in the case of wheat and rice or extend subsidies on input costs.

A good bounty: Paddy bags stacked in an open paddy warehouse at Walajabad in Kanchipuram district on June 8. VELANKANNI RAJ. B

THE GIST

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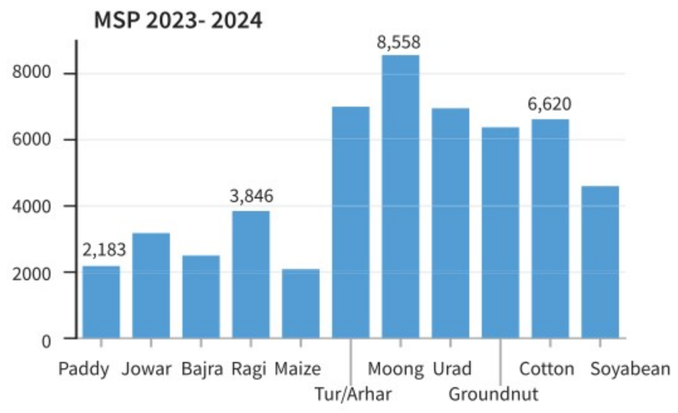
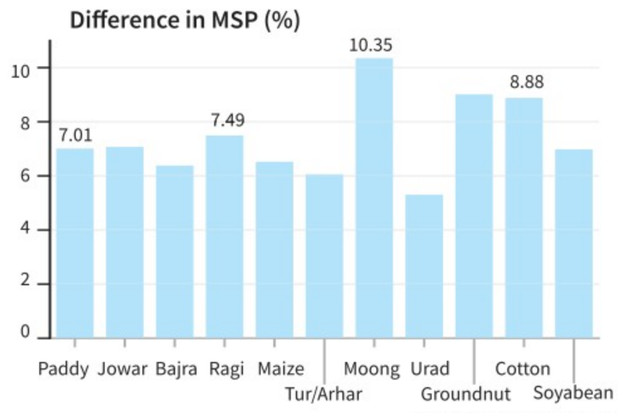
Benchmark rises

In the latest minimum support price (MSP) announced by the Centre, there has been a 5-10% hike in prices for kharif crops from the last season.
A look at the (MSP) for select kharif crops for marketing season 2023-24 and their difference from the last season





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The second best

India, after a hectic IPL, seemed unprepared for the WTC final

India's title drought in ICC events continued as the dust finally settled at London's Oval. Sunday's 209-run defeat against Australia in the World Test Championship final meant that India yet again finished as second best. In 2021, New Zealand had humbled Virat Kohli's men in the summit clash that concluded at Southampton. Cut to the present, it was Rohit Sharma's men who suffered a loss; cumulatively, it extended India's long gap in winning ICC silverware, with the last title being the 2013 ICC Champions Trophy. If South Africa choked in the past at vital moments, India seems to be the natural successor in doing the hard yards while always being short of breath at the finish line. This time however the hopes were centred on India's better record against Australia, both at home and away. There was a recency bias at play too as since the 2018-19 season, India always prevailed over Australia in the longer format. However, Australia with a better record in ICC events starting from winning the 1987 World Cup at Eden Gardens, proved too tough an opponent. India's pursuit of a miracle on the fifth day wilted as a poor first innings and a bowling unit struggling to strike had left Rohit's men with too steep a mountain to climb.

Having flown in from the Indian Premier League, the Indian Test squad was undercooked. To shed the Twenty20's frenzied spirit and slip into a Test's battle of attrition proved tough. The think-tank, influenced by overcast skies and some grass on the surface, stepped in with four seamers and the lone spinner in Ravindra Jadeja, while off-spinner R. Ashwin was inexplicably overlooked. It was a selection call that went awry as the weather stayed clear and the surface offered enough for both speedsters and spinners as evident in the performances of Aussies Scott Boland and Nathan Lyon. While Steve Smith and Travis Head posted hundreds, the Indian batters flickered despite Ajinkya Rahane's fine show in the first outing. That Rohit, Kohli, Cheteshwar Pujara and Rahane are all on the wrong side of the thirties has dragged in ageism and transition blues. Bowlers need runs to defend and exert pressure and it is a luxury that has largely eluded the current unit. The selectors along with coach Rahul Dravid and skipper Rohit have to find a way. The ICC ODI World Cup later this year in India is another significant milestone and there has to be absolute clarity about team compositions be it for Tests, ODIs or T20s even if it means that hard measures have to be implemented.

Fall from grace

The refusal of Boris Johnson to go quietly can damage the Tories

Four years ago, Boris Johnson won an election for the Tories with an 80-seat majority, their biggest victory since 1987. But his fall from grace has been so steep that he is not even an MP today. The Conservative leader, who quit as British Prime Minister in July last year amid an inner-party revolt, announced his resignation as a lawmaker last week after a House committee probing the 'Partygate' scandal found that he had misled Parliament. Mr. Johnson, when Prime Minister, had attended a host of parties during the COVID-19 lockdown, breaking the rules imposed on the public by his own government; he then told the House of Commons that "all guidance was followed completely in No 10 (Downing Street)". Last year, a report by Sue Gray, a senior civil servant, had offered details of the social events he had attended during the lockdown. The MPs panel apparently recommended his lengthy suspension from the House, and he announced his resignation before the report was made public. Mr. Johnson, a former journalist-turned-politician whose hyperbole conservatism and hardline nationalism helped him rise to the top of the Conservative Party during the chaotic Brexit years, did not go quietly. He accused the committee, which has Labour, Liberal and Conservative MPs as its members, of a "witch hunt" and slammed the report as "revenge for Brexit".

One of the biggest highlights of Mr. Johnson's political career, as Prime Minister or a back bencher, was his abject disregard for accountability. He neither took responsibility for violating lockdown rules nor repented lying to Parliament. Even while exiting the House, Mr. Johnson attacked an imagined racket of Remainers rather than coming to terms with the mess he left behind in the Conservative Party. His continued attack on Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, whose rebellion against Mr. Johnson as a member of his Cabinet quickened the Tory leader's fall as Prime Minister, sounds more political than a constructive assessment of the government's performance. Mr. Johnson's resignation leaves Mr. Sunak facing a tougher situation. Three Tory MPs, including Mr. Johnson, have quit recently, and Labour expects to win all three seats in by-elections. Faced with back-to-back setbacks in by-elections and local votes, the Tories, whose public support is around 30% against Labour's 40% in opinion polls, are already under pressure. Mr. Johnson has dropped hints of a comeback. There are talks in political circles about forming a right-wing party. It is not clear what he will do next. But he has already done enough damage to the Tories. Any attempt at a political comeback will further destabilise the party and rupture Britain's conservative political landscape that is caught between Brexit isolationalism, a battered economy at home and an unrealistic quest to "make Britain great again".

Wrestlers' protest and the shrinking space for dissent

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Public protests have long served as a catalyst for social and policy change in India, allowing individuals, classes and communities to voice their grievances and advocate for their rights. Over the past few years, protests have risen with bewildering rapidity. Protests had opened up space for a new era of social activism in the decade that the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government was in power. The Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government too has faced considerable opposition from a range of groups but has treated it very differently from previous governments.

From Nirbhaya to the present

In December 2012, people around the world watched as thousands took to the streets in the Central Vista of New Delhi following the brutal gang rape of a 23-year-old physiotherapy student (Nirbhaya). The protests became so intense and the public outrage was so great that the UPA government was compelled to address issues of sexual violence at the policy level, through the introduction of the new Criminal Law (Amendment) Act 2013 to bring stricter punishments and broaden the scope of offences.

Fast forward to May 2023. Medal-winning wrestlers, who have brought honour to the country, have been on the streets for nearly four months to demand the arrest of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief and Kaiserganj Member of Parliament (MP), Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, of the BJP, who they have accused of sexually harassing women wrestlers and a minor. But the authorities did not respond for weeks. It took the Supreme Court of India's intervention for Delhi Police to file two first information reports (FIRs).

The wrestlers have held negotiations with the Home Minister and Sports Minister, but no agreement was reached on the key demand of arresting him. That the ruling party MP faces no political censure in the face of serious allegations recorded in FIRs, clearly indicates that the institutional system has failed these remarkably brave wrestlers fighting for justice in the face of tremendous state pressure.

But what about civil society and the public at large? The protest has found some support from civil society, especially organisations representing workers, farmers, women, students, and youth, but it is very small when compared to the public support for other protests under this regime or previous ones. There have been no rallies, no demonstrations or marches that defined protests against sexual violence in the UPA era. People have not been stirred by the images of wrestlers being dragged by the police. Despite the potential for mass mobilisation, these protests have failed to garner significant support from the middle classes and women's groups, which were in the forefront of the Nirbhaya protests in 2012.

> The lack of significant interest in this agitation, especially from the middle classes and women's groups who shaped the protests in 2011 and 2012, must be seen in the broader context of class politics

Protests under the current regime are, no doubt, difficult as they are immediately branded as 'anti-national'. Also, activists might feel the futility of protests against a government that does not listen; but the fact is that this regime has been forced to respond to some protests even if it has done so for reasons of political expediency. The withdrawal of the controversial farm laws and the back-tracking over the contentious National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) are two recent examples where the government had to back down.

The context of class politics

The Indian women's movement has had a long history of organising around sexual violence against women. They have in the past organised direct action on the streets. But this time, except for Left groups and the All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA), women's groups have been largely missing in action, even though it is an issue of gender justice. But it is not just about gender justice; it is about the wider issues of dissent, dignity and social justice. Moreover, in the Nirbhaya case, it was not only women who were mobilising but also a broader swathe of civil society that included men. The massive public mobilisation had virtually blocked the India Gate area for weeks, but this time, nothing of the kind has happened.

Wrestling is deeply ingrained in Indian culture and has a long history, particularly in the rural areas. However, traditional wrestling has not received the same level of attention and support as other sport in India, such as cricket. The protesting wrestlers mostly come from modest economic backgrounds; sports has helped them to achieve a measure of social and economic mobility. The lack of interest in this agitation must be seen in the broader context of class politics.

The active participation of the middle classes in the Anna Hazare Andolan (2011) and Nirbhaya protests presents a contrasting picture that highlights the importance given to social activism by this class. Their participation in the two movements catapulted them to the centre stage of the political discourse. The anti-corruption campaign was not averse to Hindutva politics; in fact, adopting its symbols and slogans added to its widening support. The urban middle class is also very well disposed to neo-liberalism; it has benefited from the opportunities available to it from the neo-liberal economy in the past three decades. Indeed, middle-class expansion has occurred since economic reforms through the private sector boom powered by economic liberalisation. This is the class that was enamoured by 'India Shining', and then shifted support to the then Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh, before turning against him, as the UPA went on to introduce rights-based legislations and other broad-based social policies. Their shifting political loyalties, however, reflect an ideological consistency that characterises the middle class in its combined devotion to neo-liberalism and Hindutva. The middle-class opposition to the UPA played a crucial role in discrediting it; now, these very classes strongly back the current dispensation and see no reason to go against it, even on issues of sexual violence.

A form of polarisation

The support extended by *khap* panchayats underlines the complexities and challenges facing this protest. Their support highlights the social identity of the wrestlers but the identity issue could have been superseded had the wrestlers received greater support from civil society. Even so, this is not about caste politics but majoritarian politics that has encouraged a ready acceptance of 'law will take its own course' rhetoric, even when it is abundantly clear that the law does not take its own course when dealing with the powerful, unless they cannot and will not interfere with due process. Nonetheless, this rhetorical device facilitates an approval of the government's narrative, including police mistreatment of grapplers. This is yet another indication of polarisation being reinforced by majoritarian politics in the country today.

Middle-class activism tends to prioritise the issues and concerns that directly impact them, often overlooking the needs and struggles of the disadvantaged classes and communities. This self-focus can perpetuate inequalities and hinders efforts to address broader social issues. Failing to consider the intersections of class, caste, gender, and other factors can result in a narrow understanding of social reality and marginalised voices. In the event, there is a sense of suspicion towards mass politics and egalitarian ideas and movements.

This tendency contributes to an unprecedented quiescence among the middle classes and even among the oppressed classes. Above all, it means inadequate public pressure is exerted on the government to penalise an infamous history-sheeter. It is emblematic of society's normalisation of patriarchy and sexual harassment.

E-education platforms, their Generative AI chapter

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Salman Khan flourished even at the peak of the world economic crisis of 2008. The Khan Academy's online education videos attracted thousands of learners that year. It has gone from strength to strength since then. Khan's not-for-profit enterprise is funded by the likes of the Gates Foundation, Google and Elon Musk. Today, the academy has 130 million learners from across the world, ranging from school-goers to graduate-level learners. Such is the enduring popularity of online education.

Scaling up

As the world recovered from its economic setback by 2011, a new genre of online courses titled 'Massive Open Online Courses' (MOOCs) made their entry, driven by reputed institutions of learning. Though MOOCS have been around since 2008, their institutional origins can be traced to three free online courses offered by Stanford University in 2011. Peter Norvig, Sebastian Thrun, Jennifer Widom and Andrew Ng conducted these courses. Buoyed by the large turnout of learners for these 'pilot' courses, Thrun launched his online education outfit, 'Udacity', in late 2011 as a for-profit company. A year later, Andrew Ng and Daphne Koller followed suit with their venture 'Coursera', which was also registered as a 'for-profit' company.

Not to be left behind, MIT and Harvard joined forces to create 'edX' in May 2012, as a non-profit MOOCS Company. Anant Agarwal, the visionary founder of edX, is widely credited with open sourcing and internationalising the company's 'open edX tech stack'. Although edX was acquired by the for-profit EdTech company, '2U', in November 2021, the company continues to follow 'non-profit considerations when it comes to servicing its open-source stack.

All the three outfits succeeded in launching MOOCS on a global scale, in partnership with the world's leading universities and institutions. As far as India is concerned, the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay and the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore have been the early movers . Both institutions offer a variety of MOOCS courses through the edX platform.

> Global online education brands do not seem to be shying away from experimenting with regenerative AI tools

As of 2021, there existed nearly 35 MOOCS Learning Management Systems (LMS) spread across North America, Asia and Europe. The list of large LMS platforms from the developing world includes India's 'Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds' (SWAYAM) launched in 2017 by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. It is one of the world's largest learning e-portals. According to 'Class Central', the number of MOOCS learners in the world (excluding China) was 220 million in 2021. Coursera accounted for 97 million learners, while edX and India's SWAYAM had enrolments of 42 million and 22 million, respectively.

Why Generative AI?

Despite their seemingly high enrolment numbers, the financials of MOOCS platforms are fragile. The operating expenses of a MOOCS platform are high, partly due to maintenance expenses associated with the LMS tech stack, and partly due to steep marketing costs incurred for enlarging the learner base. On the revenue side, the practice of offering entry-level courses *gratis* (or at low fees) aggravated the financial crunch faced by these platforms. Although MOOCS platforms, by and large, rely on degree-earning courses to earn revenue, such courses have few takers. A key metric that determines learner enrolments for MOOCS is the probability of potential learners discovering LMS platforms through web-based search engines. Even when a learner stumbles on a platform of her choice, she would still struggle to locate courses that suit her needs from the crowded portfolios of Coursera, edX and Udacity. What compounds the problem is the high rate of dropouts by entry-level learners. In turn, drop-outs reduce the catchment of learners for degree granting programmes.

These factors perhaps explain why Coursera, edX and Khan Academy have gone in for regenerative AI. edX's Chat GPT plug-in helps aspiring learners to successfully locate platforms and courses that suit their requirements. The Khan Academy's chat box 'Khanmigo' challenges learners with thought-provoking questions, while edX's 'edX Xpert' and Coursera's 'AI Coursera Coach' function as virtual assistants that answer queries, provide feedback on assignments, generate quick summaries of voluminous content, and swiftly turn out exam scores. As learning gets interesting and engaging, drop-outs are bound to come down, resulting in more learners progressing to degree granting programmes.

In India

India's SWAYAM has yet to spell out its approach to AI. However, the platform is in for interesting times. The SWAYAM-user community will drastically scale up by 2025, when India's active Internet users become 900 million strong. This rapid scale up will necessitate the utilisation of AI-based learning and teaching services by institutes affiliated to the platform. Unlike the United States and Europe-based platforms, SWAYAM is publicly funded and is driven by the National Education Policy's tenets of inclusivity and cross-disciplinary learning. Indeed, in the coming years, the drift of SWAYAM courses is more likely in the direction of cross-disciplinary course offerings that utilise unstructured data. SWAYAM is thus ideally positioned to derive benefits from the evolving semantic web.

Time will tell whether regenerative AI tools will really shore up the economic fortunes of online education platforms. What is clear at the moment is that global online education brands will not shy away from experimenting with regenerative AI tools.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

***Sengol*-linked appeal**

It is amusing to read that Union Home Minister Amit Shah has asked the people of Tamil Nadu to elect more than 25 MPs of the NDA in the 2024 Lok Sabha election as a 'token of gratitude' to the Prime Minister for installing the *Sengol*, a legacy of the Chola era, in the new Parliament. Respecting ancient culture is commendable but installing a *Sengol* in Parliament is not a big achievement. Votes will flow to the party if burning issues such as price rise, the agrarian crisis, bad loans, hatred and unemployment are resolved sincerely.

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Djokovic powers on

There are sporting stars who have entered the record books with their unique performances. But, Novak Djokovic, with 23 Grand Slam titles, is on a different level. No adulatory adjectives will suffice to describe his sterling qualities as a sportsman. When promising youngsters burst on the scene only to fade away with a few Grand Slams to their credit, Djokovic is going from strength to strength despite his age. The tennis world felt that he would not win another Grand Slam due to his non-participation in the context of his non-vaccination status against COVID-19, but he now stands atop with 23 Grand Slams. He is likely to win a few more ('Sport' page, "Djokovic continues to push the boundaries", June 12).

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It is extremely pleasing to see Novak Djokovic rising above his country's complicated history of war and ethnic violence and achieving greatness in a very demanding sport such as tennis. It is all the more remarkable that his feat has been accomplished in an era when two other tennis greats, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, also flourished in this sport. Two outstanding images of Djokovic's perseverance that are indelibly etched in tennis history are his unbelievable comebacks: in the 2011 US Open semi-final and the 2019 Wimbledon final. Novak Djokovic has not only excelled in tennis but has also displayed a sense of sportsmanship and fighting spirit that all of us can learn to emulate.

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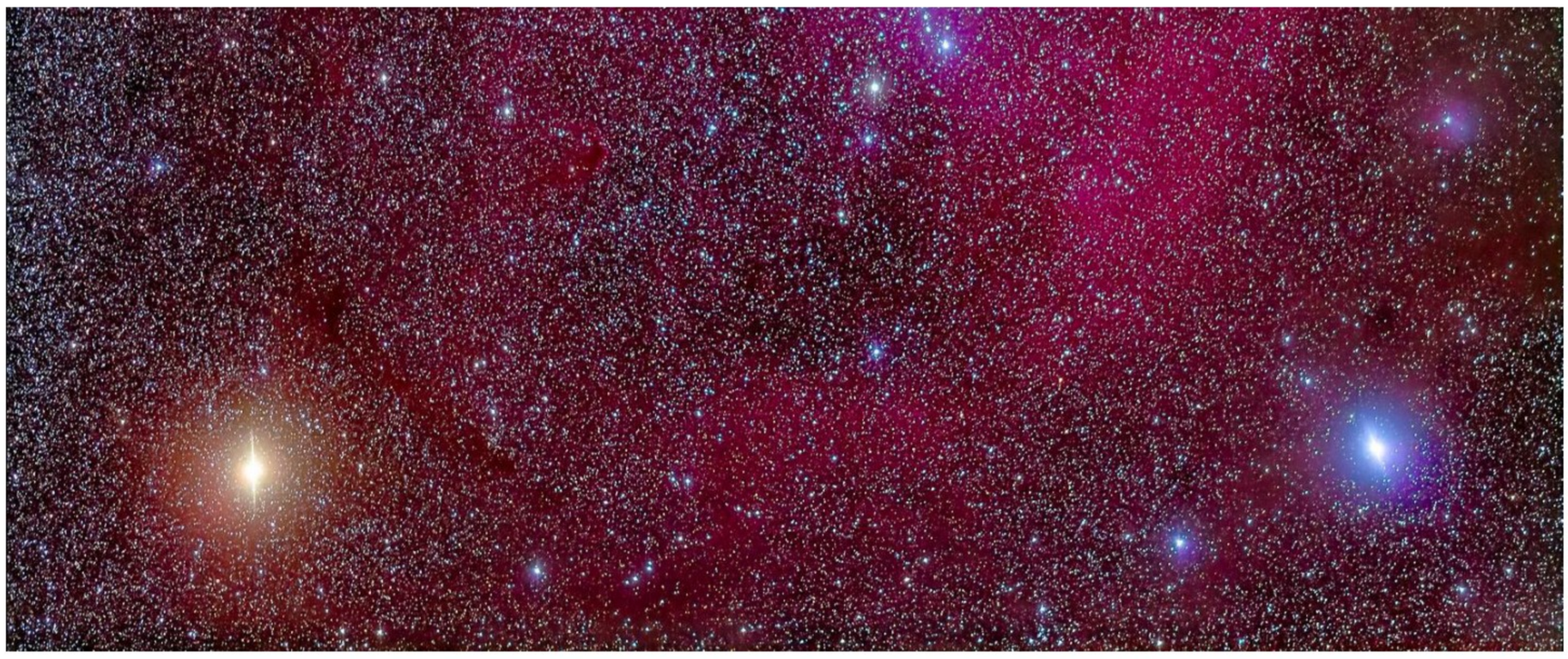
ABSTRACT



The area of the head of Orion, with the Betelgeuse star at the left. GETTY IMAGES

Will Betelgeuse, the bright red giant star, blow up in your lifetime?

By examining Betelgeuse's pulsation, researchers from Japan and Switzerland recently reported that the star is in its late carbon-burning stage. Other researchers have disputed this conclusion and estimated that the star will become a supernova only much later

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The bright red star Betelgeuse, called 'Thiruvathirai' or 'Ardra' in Indian astronomy, is easily spotted in the constellation Orion. By examining its pulsation – the periodic contraction and expansion of the star – researchers from Japan and Switzerland recently reported that the star is in its late carbon-burning stage. In massive stars like Betelgeuse, the carbon-burning stage lasts only up to a few hundreds of years, after which the star 'dies' and collapses into a supernova within a few months.

In humans, slow or abnormal heartbeats indicate a possible blockage of the heart. Likewise, the researchers say Betelgeuse's observed pulsation matches theoretical estimates of a late carbon-burning stage, suggesting the red supergiant is in its death throes. "From the pulsation periods, we can infer the radius of the pulsating object. From the calculated radius, luminosity and mass of Betelgeuse, we determine that it must be a late stage of core carbon-burning," Devesh Nandal, a PhD student in the Department of Astronomy at the University of Geneva and one of the authors of the study, told *The Hindu*.

A death foretold

Most stars, including the Sun, fuse the simplest element in the universe, hydrogen, to produce helium and some energy as a byproduct. This energy's outward push balances gravity's inward pull, and keeps the star from collapsing.

Massive stars like Betelgeuse run out of hydrogen fuel in only a few crore years, after which they switch to using helium to make carbon. The energy released in the fusion of helium is less than that of hydrogen, so the star burns more helium to stay stable and not collapse. The helium runs out in about ten lakh years. At this time, red giants like Betelgeuse burn carbon, then silicon, and briskly consume one by one the elements of the periodic table, until finally their core brims with iron – whose fusion requires more energy than it releases – and some cobalt and nickel.

Each of these stages is shorter than the predecessor. In a star like Betelgeuse, carbon burns in a few hundred years whereas silicon lasts about a day. Therefore, the late-carbon stage is the terminal phase of Betelgeuse.

Once the core is rich in iron, the temperature and pressure within the star drops. With nothing to stop it, gravity compresses the core and turns it into a neutron star or a black hole. The shock wave resulting from the collapse blasts the surrounding layers into interstellar space and the star explodes in a celestial firework display.

Betelgeuse's heartbeats

Like the lid covering a pot of boiling water, which periodically lifts to release the built-up steam, red giant stars expand and contract due to the periodic heating and cooling of hydrogen in their outermost layers. The temperature of hydrogen in the outermost part of the envelope of a red giant star is 3,800-4,000 K. Neutral hydrogen in this cooler region absorbs the heat from the interior. As the temperature soars to more than 7,000 K, each hydrogen atom's lone electron is stripped away and the hydrogen is ionised.

Ionised hydrogen can soak up heat and so the star suddenly expands with great force and the outermost shell of the star is ejected. Once this hot mass is expelled, the region becomes cooler and the hydrogen becomes neutral again by recombining with electrons. As this process repeats itself, the star appears to a distant observer to dim and brighten at regular intervals.

Checking the pulse

Astronomers detect the expansion and contraction of a distant star by dispersing its starlight into its various colours, and examining the resulting spectrum. This pulsation also corresponds roughly to periodic variations in the observed brightness of the star. For Betelgeuse, astronomers have observed four approximate semi-regular pulsations with periods of 2,190, 417, 230, and 185 days.

The membrane of a drum oscillates at a certain frequency depending on the beat. In addition to this fundamental vibration, the membrane also vibrates at other frequencies called overtones. Likewise, the heartbeats of stars also have a fundamental pulsation and overtones. Earlier, a team that included László Molnár of Konkoly Observatory, Budapest, and Meridith Joyce of Australian National University, Canberra, took the 417-day period to be fundamental, placing Betelgeuse at its early core helium-burning phase. This means the star has roughly one lakh years before it explodes.

They set aside the 2,190-day pulse as mysterious and of unknown origin. However, Devesh Nandal's team took the 2,190-day pulse to be the fundamental and the other three to be harmonics, and concluded that Betelgeuse is in the final stage of burning carbon. In a model developed by Nandal et al., a red giant star that commences its life with 19 solar masses will shed part of its material in each pulsation. By the time it reaches the end of the core carbon burning stage, it will be left with 11 solar masses. According to the model, the star will by this time have expanded to 1,300 times the radius of the Sun and glow at a specific luminosity.

These parameters in the model match that of Betelgeuse, and the model also predicts that such a red supergiant will have a fundamental pulsation period of about 2,200 days and three overtones consistent with the observed pulsation. "The pulsation itself has nothing to do with core carbon-burning," Mr. Nandal said. "Nevertheless, the pulsation periods tell us the radius, luminosity, and mass of the pulsator. Knowing these parameters, we can conclude that Betelgeuse is most likely in a late stage of core-carbon burning."

A disputed death

The work of Nandal et al., uploaded as a preprint paper on June 1, stirred a hornet's nest. Social media was set aflutter with news of the giant star's imminent death. However, the rival team led by Dr. Molnár and Dr. Joyce responded with a rebuttal. In their paper, they wrote that Betelgeuse's assumed radius of 1,300 solar radii is too high and that studies indicate it is 600-1,000 solar radii.

How far away and how large Betelgeuse is, is a matter of dispute among astronomers. Estimates of its distance range from 550 to 730 lightyears; its estimated luminosity is also in the range 90,000-1,50,000 (times that of the Sun).

While the team led by Mr. Nandal estimated the distance of Betelgeuse to be about 730 lightyears, Dr. Joyce and her team pegged it at around 550 lightyears. "The distance assumptions affect the luminosity and therefore the predictions of Devesh Nandal and his team," said Kuntal Misra of the Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences.

"It has been long known that Betelgeuse is a good candidate for a core-collapse supernova," Firoza Sutaria, an associate professor at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru. "The paper is interesting, but the result is quite model dependent, hence it is a bit of an overstretch to predict a supernova 'in a few tens of years'."

Both of them are supernova experts but weren't associated with either paper.

"There is no dispute that Betelgeuse is fated to explode into a supernova," Dr. Sutaria added. "The only question is when."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

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With the Denver Nuggets and Miami Heat slugging it out for the NBA title (the Nuggets led 3-1 as this quiz went to press), here's a quiz on NBA champions

Srinivasan Ramani

QUESTION 1

Bill Russell, the Boston Celtics center holds the record for the most NBA titles, 11, won as a player. Name his Celtics teammate who ranks second, with 10 titles.

QUESTION 2

Denver Nuggets is playing in its first NBA final, since joining the league in 1977 after previously having contested in the short lived American Basketball Association (ABA). Three other ABA teams also joined the NBA in the same year and only one other team went on to win the NBA championship (5 times overall). Name the team.

QUESTION 3

The Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers (and its earlier avatar) have won the NBA title 17 times each. Which team comes closest with seven championships?

QUESTION 4

Which is the only championship winning NBA team that folded up (in 1954) and was not restarted elsewhere?

QUESTION 5

This player holds the record for the most championships as a player who represented three winning teams (Houston Rockets, Los Angeles Lakers and San Antonio Spurs). Name this player, known by his nickname "Big shot"

Visual question:

Tim Duncan won four NBA titles across three decades (the '90s - 1999, the 00's - 2003, 2005, 2007 and the '10s - 2014). Identify this player who matched the 'three decades' record ('80s - 1989, '90s - 1990, 1996 and '00s - 2000).

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The length of the arteries in the human body. **Ans: 60,000 miles**
2. The hormone which is secreted by the kidneys that increases the rate of production of red blood cells. **Ans: Erythropoietin**
3. These famous lines were from this play: "Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood clean from my hand?". **Ans: Macbeth**
4. The recommended interval between two blood donations, as per Red Cross regulations. **Ans: At least 8 weeks between whole blood donations**
5. The preferred blood type of mosquitoes. **Ans: O group**
Visual: This character in Star Trek has green colour blood. In 2007, a 42 year old man was found to ooze greenish black blood due to this reason. **Ans: Spock; Taking migraine medication. Once he stopped taking the drug, the original red colour returned**
Early Birds: Avani Verma| Anil. A. Shah| Sachin. P| Indra Sharma| Anjali Srivastava

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Sir, Ms. S. M. Dave, Calcutta, wants to know whether expressions like 'body and soul', 'great and small' 'for love or money' come under any figure of speech."

"This is an excellent question. Very few are aware of the figure of speech called 'merism'. 'Merism' is 'a figure of speech in which a totality is expressed by two contrasting parts (old and young, near and far)'. The only dictionary that has recorded merism is Webster's Third New international Dictionary. Some more examples of merism are: 'friend or foe', 'high and low', 'ins and outs', 'day and night', 'east or west'. The 'e' in merism is pronounced like the 'e' in 'bed', and 'i' as in 'pit'. S is pronounced 'z'. 'Sm' is pronounced 'zam': the 'a' in 'zam' pronounced like the 'a' in 'China'. So it is '*marizam*'.

"Sir, several readers would like to know how to use 'used to'."

" 'Used to' is used when you want to refer to a habitual action of the past, it must be a repeated action, not just an isolated one.

He used to get up early.

The sentence means that he was in the habit of getting up early. It implies that he no longer gets up early. He does not get up early now.

He used to drink coffee.

I used to go for a walk every morning.

He used to be very arrogant when he was young.

'Used to' is also used when you want to refer to the usual place or condition of a thing in the pest.

There used to be a school in this place.

There used to be a house here."

"How is 'used to' pronounced, sir?

'Th' 'ed' in 'used to' is pronounced 't'. Hence it is 'ust to'."

"Sir, what's the negative of 'I used to smoke'?"

" 'I used not to smoke' is used in formal English. 'I didn't use to smoke' is colloquial. He didn't use to smoke. He used not to smoke."

"What's the question form of 'He used to smoke, sir?' "

" 'Did he use to smoke'? Other examples:

Didn't he use to smoke?

He used to smoke; didn't he?

He used not to smoke, did he?

Grammarians are not agreed on the correct negative and questions forms. I have given forms that are not too controversial."

"Ms A. Kaur, Patiala, wants to know the meaning of the sentence 'He has been faffing about the whole week.' "

" 'To faff about', 'to faff around' means 'to waste time over trifles'. This is used in informal British English. This is not used in American English. He is not doing anything useful. He is 'faffing' around all the time. The 'a' in 'faff' is pronounced like the a in 'man'."

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Word of the day

Incipient:
only partly in existence; imperfectly formed

Synonym: inchoate

Usage: *The doctors discovered an incipient tumour.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/incipientpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɪnˈsɪp.i.ənt/

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Same-sex marriage: Morality vs equality

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Just a few days before the Supreme Court of India commenced hearings on the same-sex marriage issue, one of the world's leading philosophers, Michael Sandel, was in India to take part in a media group's conclave.

Introduced as a "rockstar" during the event and prodded to make comments on banal local politics, the significance of his ideas for deeper moral questions facing Indian society remained lost on most.

Supreme Court's neutrality

For example, while arguments based on the various strands of liberalism were being marshalled before the Supreme Court, Sandel's critique of contemporary liberalism should also have been part of the repertoire for consideration.

This critique highlights a difficulty in any attempt to sort out the issue of same-sex marriage within a liberal framework of individual rights.

For, if the Court were to adjudicate on the right to marry it would have to break its neutrality on moral questions about the desirability of marriage, what fits into the institution and what it means to people- a neutrality mandated by its jurisprudence on equal concern for all irrespective of social or personal morality.

In fact the idea of constitutional morality has been used by the Supreme Court in many cases to maintain neutrality on moral issues.

Following this neutrality would mean the Court should stop at ensuring that people's legal rights are protected just like how it held that those in live-in relationships are entitled to legal protection irrespective of the societies' moral view on such relationships.

But to mandate the state to recognise a particular kind of marriage on the basis of equality is to recognise marriage as a social honour and pronounce on its moral worth. It would be violating the liberal tenet of neutrality.

So even for an ardent votary of same-sex marriage like the philosopher Martha Nussbaum, state intervention in the matter is only the second best option- "[S]o long as the state is in the marrying business, concerns with equality require it to offer marriage to same-sex couples-but. . . *it would be a lot better, as a matter of both political theory and public policy, if the state withdrew from the marrying business*" [emphasis added].

The idea that the state should be neutral to moral concerns about institutions like marriage is what Sandel calls "bracketing" of moral issues. It assumes human ability to detach oneself from his/her "stories" or "social and historical roles and statuses."

Equality or privacy

In the context of same-sex marriages, the Court will be following this approach if it were to decide in favour of the petitioners only on the basis of equality or privacy. Sandel says "if...social and economic rights are required as a matter of equal respect for persons (only), the question remains why these persons...have a claim on my concern that others do not."

In other words, citizens who see and value marriage as a heterosexual institution would be asked to recognise same-sex marriages, through their state of course, not as a matter of shared understanding but as "a duty we owe to strangers."

On the other hand if the matter were to be decided on the basis of "intrinsic value or social importance of the practice", one avoids the alienation that gives rise to fundamentalist tendencies.

This now takes us to the more important question as to whether the Court, or for that matter even a centralised State, is capable of deciding on or resolving moral issues in society.

Sandel cites the example of Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's decision in *Goodridge v. Dept. of Public Health (2003)* which legalised same-sex marriage not just on grounds of equality and freedom of choice but by pronouncing on the virtues of marriage. In the American context, the Court only had to choose between whether marriage is about "procreation" or "loving relationships".

In India, the significance of marriage for those who look at it in traditional terms is much more than both. The significance was captured by the Calcutta High Court in 1901 as follows- "it is a 'union of flesh with flesh, bone with bone'... the union is a sacred tie and subsists even after the death..."

Citizens' initiatives

Yale Professor Helen Landemore says "compared to liberal court decisions imposed on a reluctant public, *with the potential for backfiring*... the most radical and ultimately sustainable changes to have come for gay rights... were forced on parties and electoral assemblies by ad hoc citizens' assemblies (Ireland) and the pressure of citizens' initiatives (Finland)" [emphasis added].

It has been noted by scholars that historically Indian society has not shared the same sense of disgust or hatred with which homosexuals were treated in other parts of the world.

Understandably, there were no social rumblings when homosexuality was decriminalised. It reflected the society's shared values. Can the same be said about homosexual marriage? Have we, like some western societies, accepted "romantic-love" or companionship and nothing else to be the basis of marriage?

Can the honorific value of marriage be sustained without a heterosexual couple? Ideally these questions should be left for citizens' assemblies or citizens' initiatives like in Ireland or Finland. In India too one could look for equivalents. Reviving Gandhi's "little republics" could be a good starting point.

The question of same-sex marriage should be left to citizens' initiatives to resolve, rather than to the state

NCDs plague Keralites' health

The State needs to rethink its strategy against non-communicable diseases

STATE OF PLAY

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For a State which takes immense pride in consistently coming at the top in the health index rankings of NITI Aayog every year, the findings of the ICMR-INDIAB study, which puts Kerala right on top with the worst overall indicators for long-term morbidity and mortality due to non-communicable diseases (NCD), has come a cropper.

A current diabetes prevalence of nearly 24%, pre-diabetes at 18.1% and hypertension prevalence at a whopping 44%, is certainly not the picture of a healthy State. With more than half the State's population having high cholesterol levels and abdominal obesity, the incidence of cardiovascular diseases and chronic kidney diseases could skyrocket in the near future and have significant impact on the State's health expenditure as well as private spending on catastrophic illnesses.

Kerala has known since the mid or late 90s that NCDs are going to be its biggest health challenge, thanks to studies led by public health experts like the late Dr. C. R. Soman, who warned about the imminent catastrophe of heart attacks and other chronic diseases in the population because of the unhealthy, carbohydrate-heavy diet and sedentary lifestyle of Keralites.

Public health experts are now raising pertinent questions on where the decade-long NCD control programmes in Kerala have been going. Crores are being pumped in annually for the supply for NCD drugs free of cost through primary health centres. However, the fact that

the mean HbA1c levels in the State is 8.3mg/dl indicates poor glycaemic control in general, which again points to poor monitoring and follow-up of patients on NCD drugs.

Experts point out that the high incidence of Chronic kidney disease in the State is a direct consequence of the spiraling levels of hypertension, which again is a result of poor adherence to the drug protocol, apart from factors like unhealthy diet and sedentary lifestyle. Yet, the State Health department's sole focus seems to be on devising newer screening programmes to detect disease prevalence in the population. The official website marks the number of cases of diabetes or pre-diabetes detected as the "achievements" of the State NCD Control programme.

Identifying the scope of the problem and documenting it is the easy part. But stepping in with effective interventions to increase public awareness about NCDs and its long-term consequences and improving primary prevention of diabetes and hypertension through the promotion of a healthy lifestyle is where most health systems falter.

The problem is not unique to Kerala. It is a huge challenge to health systems to create, implement and sustain programmes for the promotion of healthy lifestyles because it is not easy to change people's attitudes towards self care, their long-term food habits or to inculcate new habits like daily exercise.

Researchers have in the past come up with several small-scale diabetes prevention and care models like the Kerala Diabetes Prevention Programme (2018) or the India Diabetes Prevention Programme, which showed that implementing standard treatment guidelines for disease prevention and management; engagement of family/community and peers in health education and awareness creation; use of innovative technologies (IDPP used mobile phone messaging) and improved training of field-level health workers can significantly improve promotion of lifestyle modifications and healthy habits.

Diabetes management requires the patient to have fair awareness on what makes the blood sugar spike. Limiting carbohydrates, improving nutrition through the increased consumption of vegetables and fruits and daily physical activity are important lifestyle interventions that patients need to imbibe.

Patients also have to be given affordable choices when it comes to diet and medication advice. Adherence to medication has to be ensured through consistent follow-up and people have to be motivated continuously to ensure that the changes they embrace become a part of their lifestyle.

Health experts point out that these are areas where health systems need to focus to prevent the cascade of chronic diseases in the population. Health workers or ASHAs in the field need to be trained better to impart awareness at the grassroots, to follow-up patients rigorously; they should be offered attractive incentives for the same.

With French Open win, Djoker holds all the cards now

With 23 Slam wins, Novak Djokovic is behind only Margaret Court who won 24 Championships

DATA POINT

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Swiss maestro Roger Federer has retired from the game. Fourteen-time French Open winner Rafael Nadal missed Roland-Garros this year owing to a lingering hip injury. Despite that, the dominance of the big-three in the game has not waned yet, with the 36-year-old Novak Djokovic winning a record 23rd Grand Slam on Sunday.

Of the 81 Grand Slams played since 2003 – the year Federer broke through (a breakthrough win is the first instance of a player winning a championship) by winning the Wimbledon – the big-three have won 65 (80%); of which 23 Slams were won after they turned 30. In fact, on Sunday Djokovic became the oldest Roland-Garros champion at the age of 36 years and 20 days, a record previously held by Nadal when he won the Slam in 2022.

This trend of older players winning championships is more pronounced in the men's game with the average age of winners since 2003 being 27. The only player who came close to breaking the dominance in recent times was Carlos Alcaraz, who won the U.S. Open in 2022. The Spaniard, who drew comparisons with Nadal by tennis commentators, won the championship as a teenager. The last time the men's game saw a teenage champion was way back in 2005 when Nadal broke through and won the French Open. However, it is to be noted that Alcaraz did not meet any of the big three during his U.S. Open win, with Djokovic missing out due to non-compliance of vaccination norms and Nadal exiting in the fourth round.

The two other players who came close to beating the dominance of the big-three in recent times were Dominic Thiem and Daniil Medvedev – one-time wonders – who managed to win the U.S. Open in 2020 and 2021. But thereafter while Thiem did not manage to reach the last three rounds of any of the Slams, Medvedev managed to reach just once.

Chart A shows the age of male Grand Slam champions in the Open Era. The sign (+) indicates a breakthrough win.

On the other hand, the women's game has seen many breakthroughs in recent years. After the dominance of Serena Williams waned, with her last Slam win at the 2017 Australian Open as a 35-year-old, many younger first-time winners emerged in the scene. In the 21 Slams played post 2017, 11 (over 50%) were breakthroughs. Of them, nine players were aged 21 or below, three of them being teenagers. In fact, except Angelique Kerber who won the Wimbledon in 2018, every other champion was aged below 30.

Young polish star Iga Swiatek who won her third French Open this year, was 21 years of age when the Roland-Garros tournament started this year. She turned 22 two days later. For this analysis, the age of champions is calculated based on the day the tournament started.

Chart B shows the age of female Grand Slam champions in the Open Era. A comparison of **chart A and B** shows that there are more +s (breakthroughs) among the women champions while it is a rarity among male winners in recent years. Moreover, most of the breakthroughs in the women's game have been achieved by much younger players in recent years. Also, in general, the age of women champions is much lower than their male counterparts in recent years.

With his 23rd Championship win, Djokovic has surpassed Nadal and became the male tennis player with most Slam wins **(chart 1)**, equalling Serena's tally. However, Djokovic is still behind Margaret Court's 24 wins **(chart 2)**.

Of young and not so young

The charts are based on data collated from the websites of Tennis Abstract, the ATP Tour, the Roland-Garros and the Women's Tennis Association

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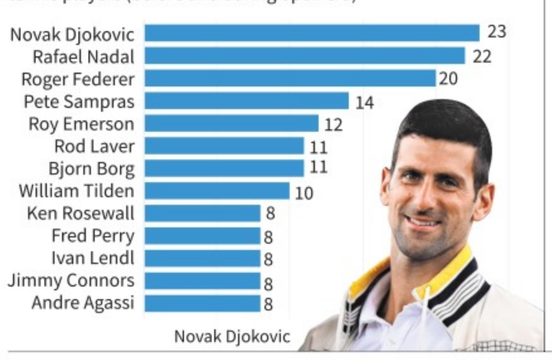

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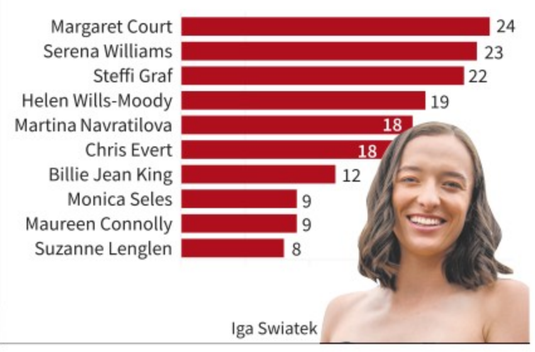

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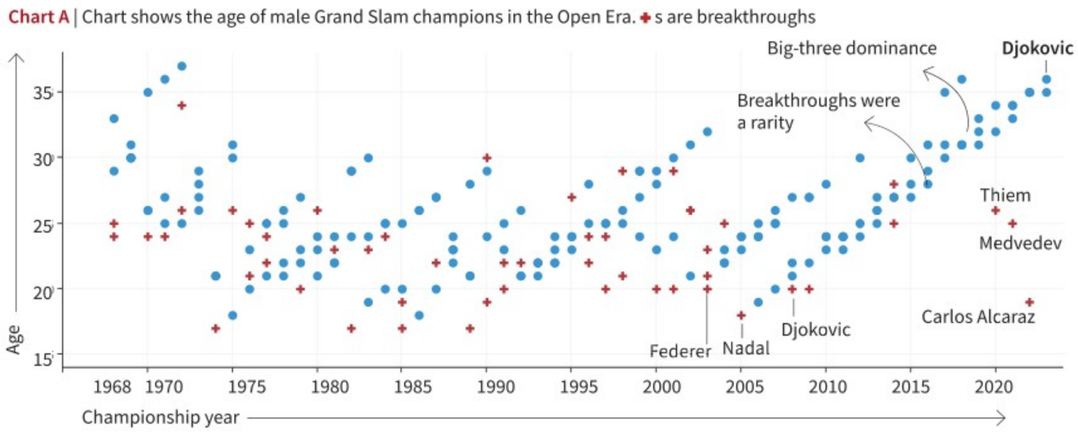

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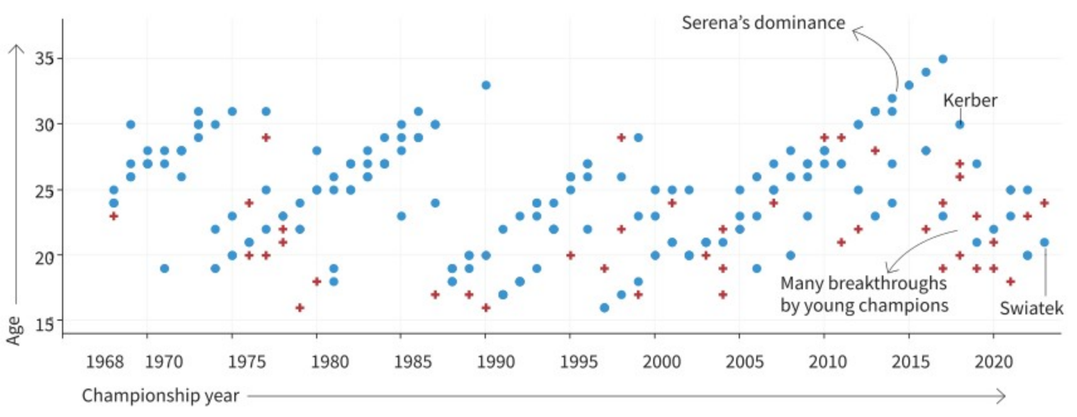

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FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 13, 1973

Need to evaluate books to promote integration

New Delhi, June 12: The committee of educationists and student leaders has recommended a continuous evaluation of textbooks in order to ensure that material prejudicial to national integration is eliminated. Several recommendations relating to further expansion and strengthening of national integration programmes have been made by the committee which concluded its daylong meeting yesterday. The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi inaugurated the meeting and the Education Minister, Prof. Nurul Hasan, presided.

A recommendation of the committee was that a large amount of literature should be published and disseminated which would strengthen and promote the concept of national integration. "In this context, there should be a continuous evaluation of textbooks in order to ensure that material prejudicial to national integration is eliminated." According to the recommendations, national integration programmes already under implementation should be further strengthened and expanded. "Besides the entire programme should be given more depth and concreteness through a variety of curricular and extra-curricular programmes."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 13, 1923

Lala Lajpat Rai's release

London, June 11: In the House of Commons replying to Mr. Saklatvala who urged the remission of the remainder of the sentence on Lala Lajpat Rai in view of the fact that he is reported to be tubercular, his age and past great services to India, Earl Winterton said Viscount Peel was not prepared to make representations to the Government of India on a matter the decision on which was within their competence (cheers). Mr. Rees Davies asked, would Earl Winterton enquire into Lala Lajput Rai's health? Earl Winterton said he would consult Viscount Peel, but he pointed out the difficulty that, if enquiries were made into the health of one prisoner there was no reason why it should be made in regard to others involving a intolerable burden on public funds. As there was no reason to believe the authorities in India were not carrying out their duties or caring for the health of prisoners, he was disinclined to agree with the suggestion.

From Page One

CoWIN vaccination data out, govt. denies breach

Further, he tweeted that a Telegram Bot was throwing up CoWIN app details upon entry of phone numbers. "The national data governance policy has been finalised that will create a common framework of data storage, access and security across all of government," he said.

However, what is more worrying is the fact that CoWIN, which serves the functions of registration, appointment scheduling, identity verification, vaccination, and certification of each vaccinated member, has also been integrated in the Aarogya Setu and UMANG Apps.

UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance) is developed by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and National e-Governance Division (NeGD) to drive mobile governance in India. UMANG provides a single platform for all Indian citizens to access pan India e-Gov services.

Internal exercise

The Union Health Ministry, however, said it requested the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) to investigate this issue and submit a report. In addition, an internal exercise has been initiated to review the existing security measures of CoWIN. "CERT-In, in its initial report, has pointed out that back-end database for the Telegram bot was not directly accessing the APIs of CoWIN database," the Ministry said.

The bot (a programme that behaves like a normal chat partner with additional functions) on Telegram is also giving details of individuals and several Opposition leaders' data including Rajya Sabha member Derek O'Brien, former Union Minister P. Chidambaram, Congress leaders Jairam Ramesh, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh, Rajya Sabha members Sushmita Dev, Abhishek Manu Singhvi, and Sanjay Raut, among others.

While there have been multiple questions about the leaks, health authorities have maintained that CoWIN has state-of-the-art secure infrastructure and has never faced a security breach and even maintained that the data of the citizens are safe. This is not the first time that such a leak has been reported. In June 2021, a hacker group named 'Dark Leak Market' claimed that it had the database of about 15 crore Indians who registered themselves on the CoWIN portal. Health authorities had rubbished the claims then.

Retail inflation cooled down to 4.25% in May

However, food inflation was lower in urban areas, easing significantly to 2.43% from 3.7% a month earlier. In comparison, rural food price rise moderation was less benign, cooling to 3.2% in May from 3.9% in April.

Among food items, vegetables and edible oils contributed the most to the cooling inflation pace, with prices falling 16% and 8.8% from May 2022 levels, respectively. At the same time, inflation in cereals (12.7%), pulses (6.6%), milk (8.91%) and spices (17.9%) remained areas of concern.

Key factors to watch

Economists said the delayed onset of the monsoon and the El Nino factor are key factors to watch to ascertain the trajectory of food prices and overall inflation. They expect inflation to average below the central bank's 4.6% projection in the first quarter of 2023-24 even if June's inflation print inches up.

Bank of Baroda chief economist Madan Sabnavis said 6%-plus inflation in household goods, personal care and health was a cause of some concern as it signals companies were still in the process of passing on higher input costs to consumers. While May's inflation print is an endorsement of the RBI Monetary Policy Committee decision to hold interest rates again this month, ICRA chief economist Aditi Nayar believes rate cuts are still distant.

Assam CM places Centre's peace plan before Kuki insurgent groups

Meeting held in Guwahati; plan is to deploy Central forces in zones between Kuki and Meitei settlements; tribal man dies after being hit by bullet, three injured in another clash; two prominent personalities withdraw from peace committee

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NEW DELHI/ IMPHAL

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday met Kuki militant groups offering them a peace plan on behalf of the Union government.

The armed groups had signed a suspension of operation (SoO) pact with the Centre and the Manipur government in 2008 for a political settlement of their demands for self-governance.

On Monday, a 22-year-old tribal man identified as Muansang was killed after he was hit by a bullet at Loilaphai village on the boundary of Churachandpur and Bishnupur districts in Manipur. "The exact circumstances of the attack are not known. There was no State police or Central police force in the area at the time of the incident. The place is not among the identified vulnerable areas," Karthik Malladi, Superintendent of Police, Churachandpur, told *The Hindu*.

People walk past the charred remains of houses following fresh violence in Manipur on Monday. ANI

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) accused Meitei separatist groups for the killing.

In another incident, at least three Meitei villagers were injured in an exchange of fire between two groups on Monday morning in Imphal East.

In his meeting with the groups under SoO in Guwahati, Mr. Sarma is learnt to have conveyed that the Central Armed Police Forces will be deployed in the "buffer zones" or foothills, the areas at the junction of Kuki and Meitei settlements, in two to three days. Most incidents, gunfight and arson have been reported from these zones since the ethnic violence erupted on May 3 that has claimed over 100 lives.

The SoO groups assured Mr. Sarma that the armed village guards deployed at the foothills to defend villages from attack by Meitei groups will be withdrawn as soon as the Central forces are deployed, a SoO member who attended the meeting told *The Hindu*.

Mr. Sarma, who was sent to Imphal last week by Home Minister Amit Shah to carry forward the peace negotiations, had met Meitei civil society groups where the Centre's peace plan was discussed.

Committee nominees

Meanwhile, two prominent personalities of theatre and literature – Ratan Thiyam and Makkonmani Mongsaba – who were in the 51-member Peace Committee announced by the Centre, have sent their resignation letters to the Governor, citing work commitments. However, sources close to them told *The Hindu* that they were not pleased as their names were included in the committee without even informing them.

The influential Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), a civil society group in Imphal, also withdrew from the peace committee.

Congress seeks all-party delegation for Manipur

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Monday demanded that an all-party delegation be sent to Manipur, which has been engulfed in ethnic violence for over a month, in order to assess the situation on the ground there and assure the people of the State. The party also questioned the silence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the issue.

"Why has the Prime Minister not said anything whatsoever about Manipur since the 100th episode of *Mann ki Baat*? What happened to Manipur *ki Baat*?" Congress' general secretary (communications), Jairam Ramesh, asked.

"Mr. Modi has to break his silence on Manipur and send a message of peace and assure people of the State that the government would do everything to restore peace, normalcy and harmony," he said.

Mr. Ramesh, who was addressing a joint press conference with senior party leaders Mukul Wasnik and Bhakta Charan Das, said the Prime Minister should also visit Manipur at the earliest. "Just like he is reviewing the cyclone situation in Gujarat on Monday, he can spare a day for Manipur also to assure people there," he said.

Mr. Ramesh said the PM had rightly visited the train accident site in Odisha. "Then why has he not visited Manipur?" he asked.

Mr. Wasnik said if Mr. Modi was unable to visit the border State, President Droupadi Murmu should make efforts to help bring peace and normalcy there.

'Manipur drug kingpins have ties with leaders'

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Organisations of Kuki-Zomi-Hmar, representing the different tribes, have been supporting the Manipur government's campaign to clear poppy fields in the hill districts of the State, a body of Manipuri tribals in Delhi has submitted before the Supreme Court of India, alleging that the drug trade in the State is largely controlled by a nexus of drug kingpins who are close to top politicians.

In an interlocutory application (IA) filed by the Manipur Tribal Forum Delhi (MTFD) before the Supreme Court, the body also argued that the State government had been seen allegedly thwarting attempts to uncover this nexus, and sought that investigative reports prepared by a senior police officer in this regard be brought on record.

Fresh IA filed

The MTFD filed the fresh IA on June 9 in matters related to the ethnic violence under way in Manipur.

The State has been gripped by ethnic clashes between the dominant Valley-based Meitei people and the Scheduled Tribe (ST) hill-based Kuki-Zomi people since May 3, after a protest against ST status for Meiteis saw violence begin in Churachandpur district. At least a hundred people have been killed so far, hundreds more injured, and tens of thousands have been internally displaced since.

In their fresh application, the MTFD said that in the last decade or so, "powerful drug mafias" had taken over the drug trade in Manipur. "Without specifically naming the drug lords or the communities they come from, and only by way of a sample, one prominent drug lord is a relative of the former Chief Minister of Manipur. The other prominent drug lord is a relative of the present Chief Minister," the MTFD submitted. The MTFD added that a former Additional-Superintendent of Police in Manipur, Brinda Thongnoujam, had conducted a detailed investigation into this alleged nexus, for which she was awarded a Gallantry Award in 2018. The application added that Ms. Thongnoujam had also submitted several reports to the government "describing in detail the powerful persons and politicians behind the drug trade in Manipur", but that the case resulted in an acquittal, following which she returned her award.

These reports prepared by Ms. Thongnoujam is what the MTFD is now seeking to submit before the top court.

Education Plus holds event on choices to study abroad

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

A webinar on finding a college that fits one's choice was recently held by *The Hindu* group in collaboration with Harvest Abroad Studies Pvt. Ltd.

The panellists discussed the opportunities that students had and the daunting task of finding the right college. 'Find, Fly, Flourish: A webinar on discovering your dream college' held on June 10 had on its panel Avinash Chacko, director of Harvest Abroad Studies; Lida, recruitment head for USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand; and Melba, senior student counsellor for the U.K. and Europe.

Career guidance expert Rajoo Krishnan moderated the session.

The panellists emphasised that candidates must consider various factors while deciding on the college and choose what fits them.

The panellists spoke of choosing the country, the course, the visa process and the cultural nuances that students must understand when they embark on their education abroad.

They also offered guidance on scholarship opportunities, campus facilities, extra curricular activities, all of which would ensure students had an enriching experience in the college of their choice.

The webinar can be viewed at https://bit.ly/3J7qvQu.

Parliament will see more MPs from vulnerable tribes: Birla

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Saying that diversity was at the core of Indian values, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday said that he was fully confident of increased representation of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in all walks of life in the coming years.

Mr. Birla was on Monday addressing members of PVTGs from all over the country in the Central Hall of Parliament House in an event organised by the Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracy (PRIDE). Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda and Minister of State (Tribal Affairs) Renuka Singh Saruta also attended the programme.

Mr. Birla said that though there were many struggles ahead for PVTG communities, "with the wisdom of several centuries behind them", they will be ready to face any challenge and march "shoulder to shoulder with the best of India". A statement from the LS Secretariat said, "He (Mr. Birla) expressed his full confidence that India would soon see more representation from this group not only in all walks of life but in Parliament as well."

He added, "There is a need to preserve our heritage but at the same time there is a requirement to create new dimensions of development. Participation of tribal communities should be streamlined."

COVID, geopolitical tensions affected development: Modi

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Development in the global south was impacted by "geopolitical tensions" and the COVID-19 pandemic, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday. Inaugurating the G-20 Development Ministers' meeting in Varanasi, Mr. Modi called for "inclusive and fair" attempts to achieve global developmental goals, and said India is following a "women-led" development model.

Narendra Modi

Speaking on the occasion, External Affairs Minister (EAM) highlighted the requirement to deal with supply chain disruptions and reminded the developed economies that "cherry-picking" is not an effective approach to deal with collective challenges.

"Development is a core isssue for the Global South. The countries of Global South were severely impacted by the disruptions created by the Global COVID pandemic. And, the food, fuel and fertilizer crises because of geopolitical tensions have delivered another blow. We must ensure that no one is left behind," said Prime Minister Modi in a video message that was played at the beginning of the event. India, the current Chair of the G-20, is hosting the G-20 Development Ministers' Meeting in Varanasi with a focus on supply chain disruptions, food and energy security challenges, climate change and post-pandemic recovery. In his speech, Mr. Modi did not make a clear mention of the Ukraine crisis that has featured prominently in all the G-20-related events that India has hosted so far.

The issue, however, featured in the "Outcome Document & Chair's Summary" of the meeting that informed that the members discussed the conflict during the deliberations. "Most members strongly condemned the war in Ukraine and stressed it is causing immense human suffering and exacerbating existing fragilities in the global economy," the Outcome Document stated.

Overcome challenges

In his remarks PM Modi urged the G-20 to overcome challenges posed by "data divide" and said "high quality" data is critical for development goals and said, "Technology is being used as a tool to empower people, make data accessible, and ensure inclusivity. India is willing to share its experience with partner countries."

Mr. Modi further said that women are setting the developmental targets and urged for the G-20 to adopt the Action Plan for Women-led Development.

Bombay HC issues notice in Bhima Koregaon case

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Monday issued notice to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in the second bail plea filed by activist Gautam Navlakha in the Bhima Koregaon caste violence of 2018.

A division Bench of Justices A.S. Gadkari and S.G. Dige was on Monday hearing the bail petition filed by Mr. Navlakha who is currently under house arrest after being shifted from Taloja Central Jail in November 2022. He had surrendered before the NIA office in Delhi on April 14, 2021, and has been charged with the UAPA.

China asks 2 Indian journalists to leave, alleges 'unfair treatment' of its reporters

Reuters
BEIJING

China on Monday called upon India to meet it halfway in a dispute over journalists working in each other's countries, saying its reporters in India had been treated unfairly and an Indian journalist was asked to leave China.

The dispute over media staff is the latest episode to highlight tensions between the two countries since a deterioration in ties in mid-2020 when troops clashed on the border and 24 people were killed. "In recent years, Chinese journalists in India have been accorded unfair and discriminatory arrangements," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin told a Monday briefing.

"We hope that India will continue to issue visas for Chinese journalists and remove the unreasonable restrictions and create favourable conditions for media exchanges."

China has declined to renew the visas of the last two Indian journalists based there, citing India taking similar action this month against the two remaining Chinese state media journalists in India.

One of the two Indians, a reporter for the *Hindustan Times*, left China on Sunday as his visa expired, according to two sources with knowledge of the matter. The last Indian reporter in China, from the *Press Trust of India*, will leave this month when his visa expires, the sources said.

We hope that India will continue to issue visas for Chinese journalists, says Foreign Ministry

India had four reporters based in China this year but two were barred from returning in April after being said that their visas were frozen.

That leaves India without a media presence in the world's second largest economy.

Mr. Wang said India had not approved new visas for Chinese journalists since 2020, resulting in a drop from 14 to only one Chinese correspondent there.

"It is very unfortunate that nothing has been done on the Indian side," he said.

"China is ready to act on the principles of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit to keep in communications with the Indian side, and we hope that India will meet China halfway."

India approved temporary visas for Chinese state media reporters visiting for a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Foreign Ministers' meeting in May, one of the sources said.

India's Foreign Ministry said this month it hoped China would allow Indian journalists to work in China, adding that India allowed all foreign journalists to operate there.

Cong. seeks judicial probe into CoWIN data breach

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Terming the Union government's response to the alleged CoWIN data breach as "casual", the Congress on Monday sought a high-level judicial probe into the entire data management apparatus of the country in order to identify the extent of danger posed to the privacy of citizens.

"I am appalled at your casual response to the breach of privacy of 1.4 billion Indians," Congress general secretary K.C. Venugopal said in a tweet.

He was responding to a statement by Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar on the breach. "It is clear that no citizen can trust this government with its private information," he said.

Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh said personal data breach was a grave matter with serious implications for privacy, security and made Indians vulnerable to financial frauds.

Violence intensifies during filing of papers for Bengal panchayat polls

Clashes reported in several districts, State Election Commission has issued prohibitory orders outside BDO offices where nominations are filed, but preventive steps do little to abate violence; HC hears pleas on several issues concerning the polls

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Violence intensified during the filing of nomination papers for the panchayat polls in West Bengal on Monday, with reports of clashes emerging from several districts and leaders of Opposition parties sustaining injuries.

The Calcutta High Court during the day heard petitions on several issues concerning panchayat polls, including seeking deployment of Central forces, increasing the window of filing nominations and preventing the deployment of contractual employees in the three-tier elections.

While the West Bengal State Election Commission issued prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and prevented any gathering outside block development offices where the nomination forms are filed, these measures did little to abate violence. The commission had directed that only two persons will accompany candidates for filing of papers.

Burning issue: Security personnel at Burdwan after clashes broke out between the CPI(M) and Trinamool activists on Monday. PTI

On the third day of filing of papers for the rural polls, violence erupted at Barsul in Purba Bardhaman when supporters of Left parties were attacked. At Minakhan in North 24 Parganas district, CPI(M) State committee member Soma Das was injured on the head. A CPI(M) office was attacked and several motorbikes were vandalised. Deb Shankar Mandal, a BJP leader, was among those who were attacked at Sonamukhi in Bankura district while filing nomination papers. Congress leaders and supporters were targeted at Nakashipara in Nadia district and Chopra in Uttar Dinajpur district.

Violence and scuffles between supporters of the ruling Trinamool Congress and the Opposition parties were reported at Jamuria in Paschim Bardhaman, Kakdwip and Bhangar in South 24 Parganas.

Asma Khatoon, a candidate of the Indian Secular Front (ISF), was holed up in the office of the BDO, Bhangar, for almost four hours before she was taken out from a different gate of the government office. Several supporters of the Trinamool Congress had gathered outside the BDO office at Bhangar.

BJP State president Sukanta Majumdar said the State police were failing to maintain law and order and therefore deployment of the Central forces was a must for conducting panchayat polls.

Meanwhile, during the hearing in the Calcutta High Court, counsel of the WBSEC Jayanta Mitra submitted a report before the Division Bench presided by Chief Justice T.S. Sivagnanam pointing out that the last date for filing nominations could be extended to June 16. The court discussed whether extending the dates of nomination by more days can upset the entire schedule and a fresh notification should be issued.

The panchayat polls will be held on July 8. Chief Justice Sivagnanam said that in the past three-and-a-half months, the High Court had to intervene 12 times on issues relating to law and order. He said the confidence of the electorate should not be shaken and they must be able to vote in a free and fair manner.

9 years under Modi an era of 'cultural rejuvenation': BJP

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

Arjun Ram Meghwal

The BJP on Monday said the nine-year period of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the helm of affairs at the Centre, was an era of "cultural rejuvenation".

It highlighted efforts ranging from the prominence given to unsung heroes of the freedom struggle to the building of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

Union Minister of State for Law Arjun Ram Meghwal, who also holds additional charge as Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture, held a press conference at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi, stating that 231 idols stolen from India had been brought back from different countries since 2014.

He added that 13 of them had been retrieved from Independence to 2014. "This shows the speed and scale of the government's work," Mr. Meghwal said.

He accused the previous governments of ignoring icons like Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and B.R. Ambedkar, and noted that the Modi government had built the 'Statue of Unity' to immortalise India's first Home Minister, and developed the "*panch-teerth*" (five pilgrimages) associated with the architect of the Constitution.

"It is not a coincidence that a grand Ram temple is being built when this government is at the helm," he said. He also mentioned the development of the Kashi-Vishwanath corridor in Varanasi and the Mahakal corridor in Ujjain, and the inauguration of the Kartarpur Sahib corridor and celebration of the 550th and 350th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak and Guru Gobind Singh.

"We can call it an era of cultural rejuvenation," Mr. Meghwal said.

On *Sengol* row

Responding to a question, he hit back at the Congress over the *Sengol* row during the inauguration of the new Parliament building. "It first claimed that there was no ceremony of handing over such a sceptre to first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru," he said, adding that some Opposition leaders had also alleged that the ceremony encouraged Brahminism.

"Both claims were later found to be wrong," he said, noting that 'Adheenam' priests associated with the ceremony were not Brahmins.

Rahul Gandhi, he added, claimed that the ceremony denoted a coronation, whereas it, in fact, "underscored the spirit of duties for a government".

Priyanka flags off Congress campaign for M.P. election

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

Congress national general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday launched her party's campaign for the 2023 Madhya Pradesh Assembly election by attacking the BJP government in the State on corruption. She also questioned its record on providing jobs and keeping pre-poll promises.

Addressing a rally in Jabalpur after performing *Ma* Narmada *Aarti*, she alleged that the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government was involved in 225 "scams" in the 220 months of BJP rule.

She also announced five poll guarantees on behalf of her party.

While Nitish headlines Opposition meet, Lalu, Tejashwi lay groundwork

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Many in the Janata Dal (U) are celebrating the feat pulled off by their party patriarch and Bihar Chief Minister, Nitish Kumar, in organising an event where an array of Opposition party leaders, many of whom are fierce political opponents, will come together in Patna on June 23.

The feat, however, owes a lot to the role played by Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad and his son and Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav in pulling the strings behind the scenes to ensure the presence of several key stakeholders.

According to sources, it was the RJD chief who fixed the Bihar Chief Minister appointments with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and convinced them to attend the event.

Behind the scenes: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar with RJD chief Lalu Prasad and Tejashwi Yadav. FILE PHOTO

Moreover, multiple trips by the Bihar Deputy Chief Minister, months ahead of Mr. Kumar's much-publicised cross-country tour, are seen to have laid the groundwork for convincing Opposition heavyweights, including Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha president and Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren, to attend the meet in Patna.

Mr. Yadav was flown in a chartered aircraft to attend the birthday celebration of Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) president and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on March 1 and is said to have played a significant role in convincing him to participate in the June 23 meeting.

The RJD leaders are hoping that apart from bringing the Opposition parties together in time for the Lok Sabha election in 2024, the June 23 meeting will also have a big announcement for Mr. Yadav.

"We are hoping that some major decision would be taken during the Opposition meeting so that it can clear the path for our leader to lead the State," a senior RJD leader said on condition of anonymity.

BJP alleges discrimination of OBCs, flays Opposition

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav on Monday stepped up the BJP's attack on the Opposition by citing a recent report of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) to accuse the Rajasthan, West Bengal, Punjab and Bihar governments of discriminating against the Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

"Wherever the Congress and these parties are in power, OBCs are being discriminated against," he said. The BJP's attack is significant as many of the parties have been demanding a caste census as a way of ensuring a rightful share of quotas for OBCs.

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2) Common Facility Integrated Production Center for Jaggery Processing Unit at Kondupalem (V), Anakapalle Taluka, Visakhapatnam District.
3) Common Facility Integrated Production Center for Groundnut Processing Unit at Chigicherla (V), Dharmavaram (M), Ananthapur District.
4) Common Facility Integrated Production Center for Coffee Processing Pattaballuguda (V), Araku, Visakhapatnam District.
Interested Agencies are requested to access the RFP documents individually at the below mentioned link and send the bids on or before the due date as mentioned in the respective document(s).
The RFP document along with the Project information can be accessed from https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in from 13-06-2023. For queries, please write to: fps-ap@nic.in, apfps@yahoo.com
Contact: Mr. Bharat Kumar Thota, Ph: 6309501007/ Mr. Rahul Reddy, Ph: 9634506369
Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, APFPS

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C), IDCO, IDCO TOWERS, JANPATH, BHUBANESWAR - 751022
Tender Call Notice No. IDCO/H.O./P&C/EST/E-2172/01/2023 / 18251, dated : 08.06.2023
NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT
1. Name of the Work : Construction of Approach Road and Internal Roads for length of 1350.00 mtr. with Hume pipe Culverts at Gramadihi Industrial Area, Khurda, Odisha.
2. Estimated Cost : Rs.437.12 Lakh
3. Period of Completion : 03 (Three) Calendar months.
4. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid ID/Tender reference No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar.	Bid ID /Tender Reference No. P&C/EST/E-39/2023-24	22.06.2023 at 17.00 Hrs.	10.07.2023 up to 17.00 Hrs.

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, www.tendersodisha.gov.in and Corrigendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in and www.idco.in.
CAD-925
Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar
OIPR-14003/11/0070/2324

Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)
In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar-751 001
Tel.:(0674) 2380608; Website: www.osmcl.nic.in, Email: proc.osmcl.od@nic.in
Assuring Quality, Saving Lives
Notification No. 4001 / OSMCL/2023 Date : 09.06.2023
NOTICE INVITING E-Tender for SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF BLOOD BANK EQUIPMENT ON RATE CONTRACT BASIS
Online Bids through **e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in)** are invited from eligible bidders for Supply, training & demonstration of Equipments as per the particulars mentioned below :

Sl.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost inclusive of GST (Rs.)
1.	OSMCL/2023-24/ Blood Bank Equipment / 02	Tender for Supply, installation & commissioning of Blood Bank Equipment on Rate Contract basis.	5,900/-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	12/06/2023, 5 PM	
2.	Date & time of **Pre-Bid** Meeting	21/06/2023, 03.00 PM Venue : Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		27/06/2023, 3 PM	17/07/2023, 5 PM
4.	Date & time of online Technical Bid Opening	19/07/2023, 03 PM	
5.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document,Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: www.osmcl.nic.in and https://tendersodisha.gov.in . The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.
CAD-927 :
Sd/- Managing Director, OSMCL
OIPR-10112/11/0007/2324

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All India Institute of Speech and Hearing
(An autonomous Institute under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India)
Naimisham Campus, Manasagangothri, Mysuru - 570 006
Ph: 0821-2502000, 2502100. Website: www.aiishmysore.in
ADVERTISEMENT No. 04/2023 **Dated: May 15, 2023**
AIISH, Mysore invites applications for the following posts **to be filled on deputation basis** at the Institute as detailed below:

Post code	Name of the Post	No. of Posts	Category
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2.	**Assistant Audit Officer (IAC)**	01	Deputation
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Director reserves the right either to fill or not to fill the posts notified above.
Sd/-
Date: 15.05.2023
Place: Mysuru
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Ref. No.: ICMR-NITM/2023-24/GeM-BidDate: 09-06-2023
TENDER NOTICE
The Director, ICMR-NITM invites GeM tenders from reputed Contractors/Agencies for Procurement of General Furniture & Laboratory Furniture at ICMR-NITM, Belagavi. The tender notice along with detailed terms & conditions is available on the official website **www.icmrnitm.res.in & GeMPortal,** which may be downloaded free of cost for use of interested bidders. The details are given below:

Sl. No.	NIT No. & Date	Name of the Work
01	GEM/2023/B/3520247 & 09-06-2023	Procurement of General furniture
02	GEM/2023/B/3507154 & 09-06-2023	Procurement of Laboratory furniture
GeM tender Time Table		
01	Period of Downloading of bid documents	09-06-2023 to 30-06-2023
02	Pre-bid meeting, Time & Place	20-06-2023 10:00 AM Conference Hall at ICMR-National Institute of Traditional Medicine, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi – 590010
03	Last date of Submission	30-06-2023 @ 15:00 Hrs
04	Bid Opening date	30-06-2023 @ 15.30 Hrs.

The GeM link for the tenders is given below:
1. General Furniture: **https://bidplus.gem.gov.in/showbidDocument/4845947**
2. Laboratory Furniture: **https://bidplus.gem.gov.in/showbidDocument/4831977**
The Director, ICMR-NITM reserves the right to cancel the Tender at any time without assigning any reasons.
Director, ICMR-NITM

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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : KWA/HO/SP-02/2023-24/TPI, EoI FOR THE EMPANELMENT OF THIRD PARTY INSPECTION AGENCIES FOR THE PRE-DELIVERY INSPECTION / COMPREHENSIVE PRE-DELIVERY INSPECTION AND POST-DELIVERY TESTING OF VARIOUS ITEMS TO BE PROCURED BY KERALA WATER AUTHORITY, **EMD :** Rs. 1,00,000/-, **Tender fee :** Rs. 29,500/-, **Last Date for submitting Tender : 03-07-2023 03:00:pm,** Phone : 8281597973,
Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
Chief Engieer (HRD&Gl.)
KWA-JB-GL-6-452-2023-24 Jalabhavan, Thiruvananthapuram

INBRIEF

14,624 candidates qualify for Civil Services (Main) exam

More than 14,600 candidates have qualified to take the Civil Services (Main) examination, as the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) declared the result of the preliminary examination held on May 28 (photo shows the view of an examination centre in Jammu). The names of successful candidates have been put up on the UPSC's website. "In accordance with the rules of the examination, all these candidates have to apply again in the Detailed Application Form-I (DAF-I) for the Civil Services (Main) examination, 2023," the UPSC said in a statement. The dates and instructions for filling and submitting the DAF-I will be announced. PTI

Attack on Indian Mission: NIA seeks help from public

Broadening its probe into attempts to vandalise the Indian Mission premises in London, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday released five videos and sought the help of the public in identifying individuals involved in the violent protests there in March. The nearly two-hour footage from CCTVs was posted by the NIA on its website and the link shared on its official Twitter handle, while urging people to provide any information regarding the persons seen in the videos to the agency. The CCTV footage showed the the attack by Pro-Khalistani protesters on the High Commission of India in London on March 19. PTI

Many members of Foreign Correspondents Club quit

Leading members of the Foreign Correspondents Club, the only media outfit that caters to foreign media professionals in India, have resigned in protest after the club's current president, Venkat Narayan, was hosted last week by the junta in Myanmar. The members accused Mr. Narayan of receiving hospitality from the junta, saying that his action has brought "disrepute" to the organisation. "This episode, which continues a pattern of activities that betrays the club's role in protecting and facilitating independent journalism, has irrevocably destroyed our faith in the FCC as an organisation that can successfully represent our interests," declared the letter written by members who resigned.

Bombay HC extends relief to Rahul in defamation case

The Bombay High Court on Monday extended the interim relief granted to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi from appearance before a magistrate till August 2 in a defamation case filed by Mahesh Shrishrimal, a member of the BJP Maharashtra State Committee. A Single Bench of Justice S.V. Kotwal was hearing a petition filed by Mr. Gandhi. The complaint, filed by Mr. Shrishrimal on September 2018, said that while addressing a public rally in Jaipur and Amethi, Mr. Gandhi defamed Prime Minister Narendra Modi and party members with the remark *chowkidar chor hain* (guard is a thief).

Gujarat braces for cyclonic storm Biparjoy; PM reviews preparations

Over 7,000 people from vulnerable areas have been shifted to temporary shelters; State and Central authorities have deployed 21 teams of NDRF and 13 teams of SDRF in coastal districts; Railways to cancel many trains

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD/NEW DELHI

Gujarat is bracing for Cyclone Biparjoy, an extremely severe storm expected to make landfall near the Jakhau fishing harbour in Kutch on Thursday. Authorities have launched a massive effort to shift people to safer locations.

A series of meetings have been held in New Delhi and in Gandhinagar to take stock of the preparations and chalk out the details about the precautionary measures and deployment of machinery and resources to deal with the likely fallout of the storm.

In New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting, while separate meetings were held in Delhi and Gandhinagar. Mr. Modi called up Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, and promised all possible help from the Centre to deal with the cyclone, Mr. Patel said in a tweet.

Escape route: Villagers wait for transport for evacuation at Jakhau ahead of Cyclone Biparjoy's landfall in Kutch on Monday. PTI

Army deployed

The State and Central authorities have deployed 21 teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and 13 of the SDRF in coastal districts where fishing activities have been halted, while over 7,000 people from vulnerable areas have been shifted to temporary shelters.

The Centre said an adequate number of teams and assets of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard were being deployed for preparations, rescue and restoration efforts. In addition, 15 teams – five each at Arakkonam (Tamil Nadu), Mundli (Odisha) and Bathinda (Punjab) – are on alert for airlifting on short notice. The State government said a total of 441 villages along the coast in a 10-km range in eight coastal districts are likely to be affected.

The Railways has cancelled nearly 95 trains from Tuesday to Thursday.

The port authorities have hoisted warning signals across the coastal belt in Saurashtra and Kutch.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has warned of heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places with isolated extremely heavy rainfall in Kutch, Devbhumi Dwarka and Jamnagar districts on June 15.

A few places in other districts of the Saurashtra region close to the coast will receive heavy to very heavy rainfall, while isolated places in north Gujarat districts will also receive heavy rainfall. The IMD has also said storm surge of about 2-3 metres above the astronomical tide is likely to inundate low-lying areas in these districts during the time of landfall, and wind speed may reach up to 190 kmph in the sea.

The IMD has warned of wind speed of up to 120-130 kmph gusting to 145 kmph from the morning of June 15 when the cyclone makes landfall in the Saurashtra Kutch coastal region. It said the extremely severe cyclonic storm is likely to cause disruption of railways, overhead power lines and signalling system in the State on June 15.

According to IMD Director-General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, the met department has issued an orange alert for June 14 and a red alert for June 15 for all districts. "We appeal to people to stay at safe locations," he said.

"Cyclone Biparjoy is slowly moving in the north direction with a speed of 5 kmph and will change direction after June 14. A very severe cyclonic storm with a wind speed of 125-135 km/h is likely to hit Saurashtra, Kutch, and the Pakistan coast by the afternoon of June 15."

Airfares down by 60%, likely to fall further, says Scindia

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The war of words between Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and senior Congress leader K.C. Venugopal over a surge in airfares continued on Monday, with the former saying there has been a considerable decrease in fares after the intervention of the government.

The debate began with Mr. Venugopal's jibe on Twitter on Saturday that the surging airfares has made Prime Minister Narendra Modi's claim that those wearing *hawai chappal* (rubber slippers) can travel on a *hawai jahaaz* (airplane) sound like a "*cruel joke*".

Mr. Scindia accused Mr. Venugopal of "cherry picking" facts and forgetting "the step-brotherly treatment given to civil aviation during UPA rule."

The Minister said an advisory was issued to the airlines to self-regulate fares.

"Fares have reduced by up to 60%, and are likely to decline further," Mr. Scindia said.

China could have as many ICBMs as U.S. or Russia by turn of decade: think tank

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

China increased its nuclear arsenal to 410 warheads in January 2023 from 350 in January 2022, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) said in its annual report on Monday.

"Depending on how it decides to structure its forces, China could potentially have at least as many intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) as either the U.S. or Russia by the turn of the decade, the stockholm-based think tank said.

"China has started a significant expansion of its nuclear arsenal. It is increasingly difficult to square this trend with China's declared aim of having only the minimum nuclear forces needed to maintain its national security," Hans M. Kristensen, Associate Senior Fellow with SIPRI's Weapons of Mass Destruction Programme, said.

India and Pakistan also expanded their nuclear arsenal. Both countries introduced and continued to develop new types of nuclear delivery system in 2022, the report noted. "While Pakistan remains the main focus of India's nuclear deterrent, India appears to be placing growing emphasis on longer-range weapons, including those capable of reaching targets across China."

According to SIPRI estimates, India's arsenal grew to 164 warheads in 2023 from 160 in 2022 and that of Pakistan from 165 to 170.

Of the total global inventory of 12, 512 warheads in January 2023, about 9,576 were in military stockpiles for potential use – 86 more than in January 2022. Russia and the U.S. together possessed almost 90% of all nuclear weapons. The size of their respective nuclear arsenal (useable warheads) seemed to have remained relatively stable in 2022, although transparency regarding nuclear forces declined in both countries in the wake of Ukraine war, SIPRI said.

Stockpile count

The nine nuclear-armed states—the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, China, India, Pakistan, North Korea and Israel— have deployed or stored 9,576 nuclear warheads

Country	Warhead stockpile	
	Deployed	Stored
U.S.	1,770	1,938
Russia	1,674	2,815
U.K.	120	105
France	280	10
China	-	410

Country	Warhead stockpile	
	Deployed	Stored
India	-	164
Pakistan	-	170
North Korea	-	30
Israel	-	90

SOURCE: SIPRI

Poshan app helps migrant workers access Anganwadi services during relocation

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

More than 57,000 migrant workers have registered for the One Nation, One Anganwadi programme under which even if people relocate to another State, they can receive benefits given by the government to children under six years of age and pregnant and lactating women.

Sources in the Women and Child Development Ministry said this was possible through coordination between the Central and the State governments by using the Poshan Tracker app on mobile phones.

The app provides a view of the activities of the Anganwadi centres (child care centres), service deliveries of Anganwadi workers and complete beneficiary management for pregnant women, lactating mothers and children under six. It also digitises and automates physical registers used by workers that helps improve the quality of their work.

Location agnostic: Children of migrant workers at a camp in Tiruppur recently. FILE PHOTO

The Anganwadi workers are being provided smartphones procured through the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) for efficient service delivery.

A total of 8.66 lakh such phones have been procured by all States and Union Territories. More than 6.5 lakh Anganwadi workers have been trained so far.

A nodal person has also been appointed for providing technical support and resolving any issue about downloading the new Poshan Tracker application and its functioning in each State.

Migrant worker who have registered in their original State can go to the nearest Anganwadi in their current place of residence and use the schemes and services offered.

Since the launch of the Poshan Abhiyan in 2018, a total of 10.6 crore beneficiaries have been registered out of which 47.6 lakh were lactating mothers, 7.48 crore pregnant women and the rest children.

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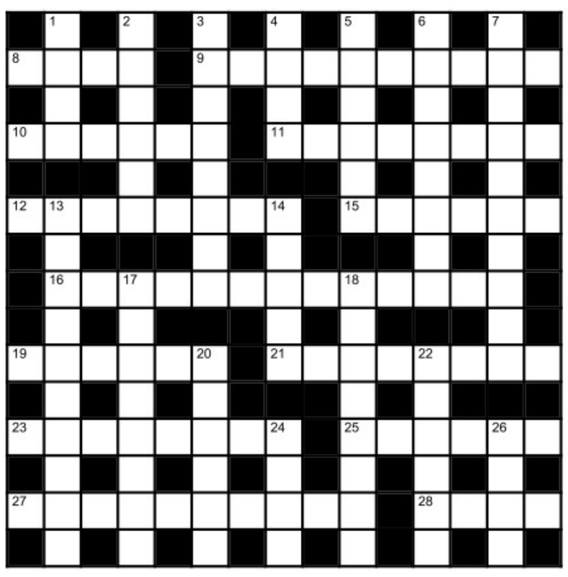

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8 Dock in recessed space (4)
9 Diamonds are simply rocks, believe me! (4,2,4)
10 Still not our time in fact (6)
11 Brazilian currency restraints for American properties (8)
12 Senior clergymen's reports on priest (8)
15 Terminal lines go in (6)
16 Cheap roof sagging on building (5,3,1,4)
19 Power coming after providing charger (6)
21 Non-violent one from India, top revolutionary, non-resistance pioneer (8)
23 Spooner's vocal support for Jack to climb fabled antelope? (8)
25 Disregard part from design or engineering (6)
27 Bend one knee if firing weapon (5,5)
28 Customer wanting hot escort (4)

Down

1 Silly point edges closer to Gill (4)
2 Cruel routine in twisted research facility (6)
3 Cost free, I get crap (5,3)
4 Market square (4)
5 Influence mischievous child to behave (6)
6 Hot legal reforms creating current rage (3,3,2)
7 Members recognize her upset blotted historic periods (10)
13 Order firearm leaving note to charge account (10)
14 Special pot, rounded vessel (5)
17 Daring, stylish Prince tried fancy clothes (8)
18 Assigned when editor accepts copy (8)
20 Rap on bass instrument informally (6)
22 Dated past lover coming to branch from centre (3,3)
24 Join dummy in audition (4)
26 Runs in front to catch tailless bird (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Garuda's gesture to Rama

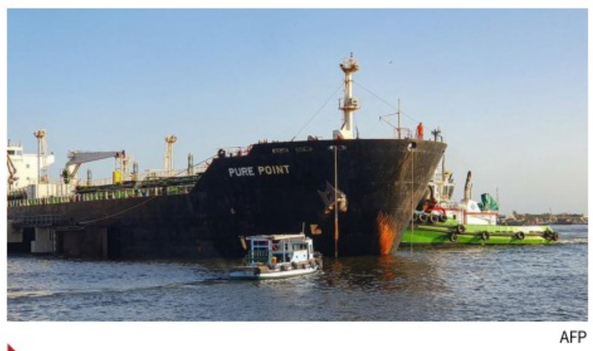
Lord Narayana took the form of a human being in Rama avathar only to establish that whatever difficulties that may arise, the human beings can overcome them and uphold the path of righteousness. He also asked the celestials coming to His aid to hide the celestial form. Garuda was quoted at four places: 1. While transcending down the Lord had entrusted His divine disc and conch with Garuda. 2. When Rama was asked to go to forest, He prostrated at the feet of His mother on departure. His mother told "I tell you the mantra that was told by Vinatha Devi, the mother of Garuda, to her son who started to fetch nectar and the mantra is good character and rational thinking are the shield that will protect a person". 3. Hanuman, while starting to Lanka, prayed Garuda and wished to go at the speed of Garuda. 4. When Indrajit tied Rama and Lakshmana with Brahmastra, Garuda came over there like a golden mountain to remove the poison.

There was an argument how could Garuda come as such, when Lord Narayana initially passed a stricture to celestials not to come in their original form. Garuda was asked to rush by Jatayu, the son of Garuda's brother Aruna. When Garuda hesitated, Jatayu told "If Rama developed angry tell that you are sent by me. When Rama was in human form how could he give moksha to me. As a human being he donned the role of Lord Narayana (who alone can give moksha) and now it is not unfair for you to be in your celestial form".

Garuda was all fears whether Rama would censure him. But the Lord embraced him and extended His happiness, said Smt. Prabha Senesh in a discourse.

KARACHI

Pakistan begins importing discounted Russian crude oil



AFP

Pakistan began transporting discounted Russian crude oil to a refinery here in the cash-strapped country's port city, a move that is likely to provide relief to the people hit by inflation. The Russian crude has come to Pakistan at $50-52 per barrel against the price cap of $60 per barrel imposed by the G-7 countries. PTI

BANGKOK

Thailand PM frontrunner Pita Limjaroenrat faces election probe

AFP

Thailand's frontrunner for next Prime Minister Pita Limjaroenrat is facing an election probe that could see him disqualified, in the latest setback to his bid for the premiership. The probe relates to Pita's ownership of shares in a now-defunct media company — prohibited under Thai election law. AFP

STOCKHOLM

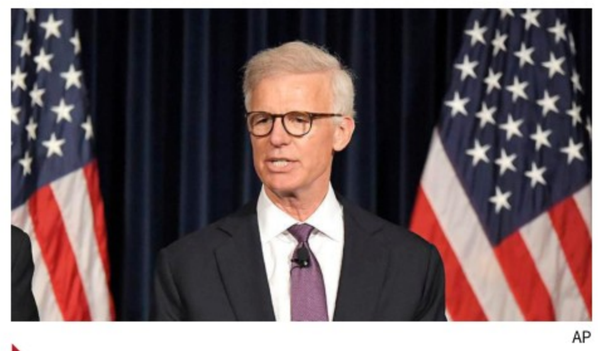
PKK supporter convicted of drug trafficking to be sent to Turkey

REUTERS

Sweden has agreed to extradite to Turkey a man convicted of drug trafficking who also supported the Kurdish militant group PKK, a first since Stockholm's NATO bid was stalled by Ankara. Sweden said officials from the two countries are due to meet on Wednesday to discuss the country's stalled NATO application. AFP

WASHINGTON DC

Washington Post publisher Fred Ryan leaves after 9 years at helm



AP

Washington Post publisher and chief executive Fred Ryan is leaving the newspaper after nine years in charge to lead a newly formed Center on Public Civility at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, the newspaper said on Monday. Ryan will be replaced on an interim basis by Patty Stonesifer. AP

U.K. PM Sunak hits back at Johnson over honours list

Two Johnson allies quit as MPs after the list was published; PM says his predecessor asked him to overrule the House of Lords Appointments Committee to give honours to his allies

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak lashed out at his predecessor Boris Johnson on Monday in a row over political honours for allies of the former Premier.

Outgoing British Prime Ministers routinely recommend aides and close political associates for honours or elevation to the unelected House of Lords. Mr. Johnson was forced out of office last year by a series of scandals including COVID lockdown-breaking parties at Downing Street dubbed 'Partygate'.

His long-awaited honours list was published on Friday – but without several expected names.

Blame game: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak speaks at the London Tech Week on Monday. REUTERS

As the row over the list unfolded, two Johnson allies who were not rewarded – Nadine Dorries and Nigel Adams – both resigned from Parliament on Friday and Saturday, triggering by-elections.

Mr. Johnson himself also resigned as an MP on Friday claiming he had been forced out in a stitch-up by political opponents on the cross-party inquiry investigating whether he lied to parliament on "Partygate".

Speaking at a tech conference in London on Monday, Mr. Sunak defended his handling of Mr. Johnson's honours list and accused the former leader of asking him to overrule the committee that rejected eight of his nominations to the upper chamber.

"Boris Johnson asked me to do something that I wasn't prepared to do, because I didn't think it was right. That was to either overrule the Holac (House of Lords Appointments Commission) committee, or to make promises to people," he said. "I wasn't prepared to do that. As I said I didn't think it was right, and if people don't like that then tough."

Indirect talks with U.S. are on through Oman, says Iran

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

Iran on Monday said it has continued indirect negotiations with the United States through the Sultanate of Oman over its nuclear deal and a possible prisoner swap.

Iran's nuclear programme has long been the subject of scrutiny from Western powers, resulting in sanctions that have crippled the country's economy.

A 2015 deal granted Tehran much-needed sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on its nuclear programme before it was torpedoed by the U.S.' unilateral pullout in 2018.

In recent days, the two capitals have denied media reports that they were close to reaching an interim deal to replace the 2015 accord.

Latest feat: Iran supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei watching a demo on his country's nuclear achievements, in Tehran. REUTERS

"We welcome the efforts of Omani officials and we exchanged messages with the other party through this mediator" over the lifting of U.S. sanctions, Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani said on Monday.

"We have never stopped the diplomatic processes," he added during his weekly press conference.

Diplomatic ties between Tehran and Washington soured in 1980 following the 1979 Islamic revolution led by Iran's first supreme leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Efforts to revive the 2015 nuclear deal have so far failed to yield results.

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Sunday reiterated the denial of moves towards acquiring a nuclear weapon.

Kyiv claims recapture of fourth village from Russia

Associated Press
KYIV

Ukrainian military officials said on Monday their troops have retaken another southeastern village from Russian forces, in the counteroffensive operations.

Russia's Defence Ministry said it had repelled attempted offensives by Ukrainian forces in the Donetsk and Zaporizhzhia regions and had hit targets with sea-launched high-precision missile strikes.

Ukraine's Deputy Defence Minister said that the country's flag was flying over the village of Storozhov, in eastern Donetsk. A day earlier, Ukrainian officials said their troops had taken three other small villages nearby – Blahodatne, Makarivka and Neskuchne.

U.S. decides to return to UNESCO's fold

Associated Press
PARIS

The UN cultural and scientific agency UNESCO announced on Monday that the U.S. plans to rejoin – and pay more than $600 million in back dues – after a decade-long dispute sparked by the organisation's move to include Palestine as a member. U.S. officials say the decision to return was motivated by concern that China is filling the gap left by the U.S. in UNESCO policymaking.

Trump travels to Florida ahead of appearing in federal court

Associated Press
WASHINGTON DC

Former U.S. President Donald Trump travelled to Florida on Monday ahead of a history-making federal court appearance this week on dozens of felony charges accusing him of illegally hoarding classified documents and thwarting the Justice Department's efforts to get them back.

Mr. Trump's Tuesday afternoon appearance in Miami will mark his second time since April facing a judge on criminal charges. But unlike a New York case some legal analysts derided as relatively trivial, the Justice Department's first prosecution of a former President concerns conduct that prosecutors say jeopardised national security, with Espionage Act charges carrying the prospect of a significant prison sentence.

Ahead of his court date, he and his allies have been escalating efforts to undermine the criminal case against him. He's ratcheted up the rhetoric against the Justice Department special counsel who filed the case, calling Jack Smith "deranged" as he repeated without any evidence his claims that he was the target of a political persecution. And even as his supporters accuse the Justice Department of being weaponised against him, he vowed on Monday to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate President Joe Biden and his family if Mr. Trump is elected to a second term.

Silvio Berlusconi, scandal-scarred ex-Italian Prime Minister, dies at 86

Associated Press
MILAN

Silvio Berlusconi, the boastful billionaire media mogul who was Italy's longest-serving premier despite scandals over his sex-fueled parties and allegations of corruption, died on Monday. He was 86.

Supporters applauded as his body arrived at his villa outside Milan from the city's San Raffaele Hospital, where he had been treated for chronic leukemia. A state funeral will be held on Wednesday in the city's Duomo cathedral, according to the Milan Archdiocese.

A onetime cruise ship crooner, Mr. Berlusconi used his television networks and immense wealth to launch his long political career, inspiring both loyalty and loathing.

To admirers, the three-time premier was a capable and charismatic statesman who sought to elevate Italy on the world stage. To critics, he was a populist who threatened to undermine democracy by wielding political power as a tool to enrich himself and his businesses.

Silvio Berlusconi

His Forza Italia political party was a coalition partner with current Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, a far-right leader who came to power last year, although he held no position in the government.

His friendship with Russian President Vladimir Putin put him at odds with Ms. Meloni, a staunch supporter of Ukraine.

Parallels with Trump

When former U.S. President Donald Trump launched his political career, many drew comparisons to Mr. Berlusconi, noting they both had long business careers, sought to upend the existing political order, and grabbed attention for their over-the-top personalities and lavish lifestyles.

Ms. Meloni remembered Mr. Berlusconi as "above all as a fighter."

As Mr. Berlusconi aged, some derided his perpetual tan, hair transplants and live-in girlfriends who were decades younger.

Criminal cases were launched but ended in dismissals when statutes of limitations ran out in Italy's slow-moving justice system, or he was victorious on appeal. Investigations targeted the tycoon's steamy so-called "bunga bunga" parties involving young women and minors, or his businesses, which included the soccer team AC Milan, the country's three biggest private TV networks, magazines and a daily newspaper, and advertising and film companies.

Only one led to a conviction that stuck – a tax fraud case stemming from a sale of movie rights in his business empire. The conviction was upheld in 2013 by Italy's top criminal court, but he was spared prison because of his age, 76, and was ordered to do community service. He still was stripped of his Senate seat and banned from running or holding public office for six years, under anti-corruption laws.

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INBRIEF

'Broadcom set to win EU nod for $61-billion VMware deal'

U.S. chipmaker Broadcom is set to gain conditional EU antitrust approval for its $61 billion proposed acquisition of cloud computing firm VMware, people familiar with the matter said. The European Commission's clearance is tied to Broadcom's interoperability remedies to rivals to address competition concerns, the people said. The EU antitrust watchdog, which is scheduled to decide on the deal by July 17, and Broadcom declined to comment. REUTERS

Energy transition platform Amp secures $250 million

Energy transition platform Amp Energy India has secured up to $250 million (about ₹2,061 crore) from SMBC Bank of Japan (Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation), ICG (Intermediate Capital Group), and AIIB (Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank). The company, whose total portfolio of 2.7GW-plus is spread across 17 States in the country, said it would utilise the $250 million to fund future growth, according to a statement. PTI

Mirae Asset gets fresh capital infusion of ₹1,240 crore

Mirae Asset Capital Markets India, the broking arm of a Korean fund house, on Monday said it had received fresh capital infusion of ₹1,240 crore from its parent, bolstering its growth capital. With this latest capital injection, Mirae Asset India has received a total funding of ₹3,190 crore, reflecting the parent's 'belief in the growth potential of this market', apart from reinforcing the Korean fund house's 'commitment to expanding its presence' in the country. PTI

April industrial output grows 4.2%, rises from 5-month low

Electricity generation contracted for the second month in a row; manufacturing and mining grew about 5% while consumer durables continued to shrink for the fifth month in a row, sliding 3.5%

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Industrial output grew 4.2% in April, rising from a five-month low in March, with electricity generation contracting for the second month in a row, even as manufacturing and mining grew about 5%.

April's industrial growth still reflected the second slowest uptick in six months, even as the National Statistical Office revised the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for March to show that production had grown 2.3% instead of the earlier estimate of 1.1%. Electricity, which contracted 1.6% in March, shrank 1.1% in April, possibly due to unseasonal rains subduing demand. Consumer durables dipped 3.5%, shrinking for the fifth month in a row. Bank of Baroda chief economist Madan Sabnavis said this was surprising as demand usually picks up the post-Rabi harvest season. The manufacturing uptick was led by infrastructure and construction goods, which surged 12.8%, and consumer nondurables that grew 10.7%. Capital goods grew 6.2%.

"Industrial recovery is still uneven; just 4.5% higher in April than the pre-COVID level of February 2020," said Sunil Sinha, principal economist at India Ratings and Research.

Hesitant climb

April's growth still reflected the second-slowest uptick in 6 months, even as the NSO revised upwards March's IIP estimates

- Electricity contracted 1.6% in March after shrinking 1.1% in April
- Unseasonal rains likely impacted power demand
- Consumer durables dipped 3.5%, shrinking for the fifth month in a row

SEBI bars Zee's Chandra, Goenka from holding key positions

Ayushi Kar
MUMBAI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has banned Subhash Chandra and Punit Goenka from holding any managerial or directorial positions in Zee Entertainment Enterprises (ZEEL) after it found the 'father-son duo were siphoning off funds for their own benefit.'

Investigation started after the resignation of ZEEL's independent directors – Sunil Kumar and Neharika Vohra – in November 2019. They had flagged many issues, including ZEEL's fixed deposit being used by Yes Bank to settle a loan taken by an entity related to ZEEL.

SEBI found Mr. Chandra had provided a "Letter of Comfort" dated September 4, 2018 towards a ₹200 crore loan outstanding from Essel Group Mobility. As per the letter, the ₹200-crore FD available with Yes Bank from any of the Essel Group firms, including ZEEL, could be taken to settle it. Yes Bank then adjusted the loans of seven associate entities with ZEEL's ₹200 crore.

Later, it came to light the entities were owned/controlled by family members of Mr. Chandra and Mr. Goenka. The order also observed ZEEL had claimed falsely in the FY20 annual report that it had received all the funds from the associate entities.

(The writer is with business line)

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	62,725	0.16
US Dollar	82.43	0.04
Gold	60,650	-0.28
Brent oil	72.82	–

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2484.80	33.65
Adani Ports	742.10	7.15
Apollo Hosp	4924.75	-1.95
Asian Paints	3194.75	14.20
Axis Bank	974.20	-0.55
Bajaj Auto	4769.65	26.25
Bajaj Finserv	1466.00	-0.50
Bajaj Finance	7097.70	60.55
Bharti Airtel	836.35	2.85
BPCL	371.65	12.20
Britannia Ind	4900.25	21.50
Cipla	959.95	-9.30
Coal India	229.00	1.35
Divis Lab	3438.45	9.70
Dr Reddys Lab	4675.65	8.85
Eicher Motors	3590.60	9.30
Grasim Ind	1731.40	15.65
HCL Tech	1139.65	29.90
HDFC	2640.80	-12.10
HDFC Bank	1600.80	-9.80
HDFC Life	584.40	2.70
Hero MotoCorp	2930.40	31.10
Hindalco	416.80	1.75
Hind Unilever	2643.45	7.25
ICICI Bank	935.95	-2.10
IndusInd Bank	1332.45	1.40
Infosys	1291.95	26.00
ITC	436.95	-1.50
JSW Steel	747.30	-1.20
Kotak Bank	1879.45	7.45
L&T	2339.95	-23.05
M&M	1381.40	10.75
Maruti Suzuki	9550.45	-77.35
NestleIndia	22289.35	215.90
NTPC	185.70	2.90
ONGC	155.05	0.80
PowerGrid Corp	241.65	-3.25
Reliance Ind	2484.15	2.20
SBI Life	1238.90	6.50
State Bank	578.65	-0.05
Sun Pharma	985.45	1.50
TataConsumerProduct	800.75	-0.25
Tata Motors	564.15	1.85
Tata Steel	109.50	0.60
TCS	3246.90	37.60
Tech Mahindra	1074.75	11.70
Titan	2852.60	-23.65
UltraTech Cement	8198.60	45.35
UPL	678.95	-1.30
Wipro	395.60	-1.70

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 12

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.23	82.55
Euro	88.57	88.92
British Pound	103.40	103.81
Japanese Yen (100)	59.05	59.28
Chinese Yuan	11.51	11.56
Swiss Franc	90.89	91.26
Singapore Dollar	61.25	61.49
Canadian Dollar	61.73	61.97
Malaysian Ringitt	17.80	17.88
Australian Dollar	55.63	55.86

Source:Indian Bank

'Run imported coal power units at 100% till Sept. 30'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Power on Monday extended the time period of its direction to all thermal plants using imported coal to operate at full capacity till September 30 to avoid electricity shortage amid rising demand.

Peak power demand met or the highest supply in a day touched a record high of 223.23 GW on June 9 this year. Earlier in February, the Ministry had asked these plants to operate at full capacity from March 16, 2023, to June 15.

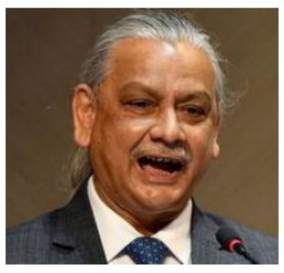
Multi-pronged policy must for growth: Patra

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor M.D. Patra has pitched for a multi-pronged policy response to reignite and sustain productivity and growth at a time when multiple factors that can influence the economy are at work.

The policy response has to be powered by technological capital deepening, accompanied by long-term investment in research and development to nurture a competitive innovation ecosystem, Mr. Patra said.

In addition, he said, raising labour force participation rates, especially among women, could also boost productivity.



M.D. Patra

Citing OECD, he said digitalisation as a key avenue for future productivity growth by harnessing the power to rapidly diffuse and replicate ideas, informational goods and business processes at near-zero marginal cost.

RBI permits banks to settle wilful default, fraud accounts

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

To ensure maximum recovery from distressed assets, the Reserve Bank of India has allowed banks to go for compromise settlement of fraud accounts and wilful defaults.

All regulated entities will be required to put in place board-approved policies for undertaking compromise settlements with borrowers as well as for technical write-offs laying down the process to be followed, the RBI said in a notification.

TVS unit to invest $1 bn in warehouses

Mini Tejaswi
HOSUR

TVS Industrial & Logistics Parks (TVS ILP) of the TVS Mobility Group said it will invest $1 billion in developing 20 million square feet of infrastructure in 20 different warehousing parks in the country in the next three to four years.

"Over the next few years, the annual spend of our company will be in the range of $75 million to $85 million and we intend to be a 20-mn. sq. ft. platform with a contracted revenue of $750 million by that time," COO Manikandan Ramachandran told *The Hindu*. The company had 35 clients from across segments including FMCG.

Manikandan Ramachandran

TVS ILP's business had been growing 30% y-o-y.

(The writer was in Hosur at the invitation of the company)

India, UAE target $100 bn in non-oil trade by 2030

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India and the UAE on Monday set a target to increase the non-oil trade from the current $48 billion to $100 billion by 2030.

The goal to achieve $100 billion in non-oil trade was set during the first meeting of the Joint Committee of India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

"We have a mutually agreed (for a) target of $100 billion in bilateral trade by 2030," Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal told reporters after the meeting.

An India-UAE CEPA council will be set up, says Piyush Goyal.

The target of $100 billion will not include the oil trade. It was also agreed to set up certain sub-committees and councils.

Both the countries also agreed upon setting up certain sub-committees and councils

In the meeting, it was also decided to set up a new sub-committee to handle issues related to services trade. Mr. Goyal said an India-UAE CEPA council will be set up to further facilitate the implementation of the agreement.

FinMin officials to pitch for rating upgrade with Moody's

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Finance Ministry officials will pitch for a sovereign rating upgrade in a meeting with U.S.-based Moody's on June 16.

Moody's Investors Service has a 'Baa3' sovereign credit rating on India, with a stable outlook. 'Baa3' is the lowest investment grade rating.

Fitch, S&P and Moody's have the lowest investment grade rating on India, with a stable outlook.

JLR mulls £3 billion in annual spend by FY26

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Tata Motors' owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) plans an annual investment of £3 billion while targeting a revenue of more than £30 billion by FY26, as per an investor presentation.

JLR, which makes SUVs such as Range Rover, Defender and Discovery under the Land Rover brand and Jaguar luxury cars, expects to have a revenue of more than £28 billion in FY24.

Further, the company is looking at a free cash flow of £2 billion by FY24 and "continuing to be significantly positive thereafter".

In terms of revenue, the company said its target is more than £28 billion in FY24 and more than £30 billion in FY26. In the fiscal ended March 31, 2023, JLR had clocked a revenue of £22.81 billion.

Sport

World Cup's new avatar set to attract eyeballs

SQUASH

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

Unlike the nomenclature of other sporting disciplines, the Squash World Cup, to be held at the all-glass show court inside the Express Avenue Mall here from June 13 to 17, doesn't have a great tradition to show for.

In its fourth edition–the last time it was held in 2011 in Chennai–the championships, a mixed team competition will, nevertheless, have some exciting additions to make it quite exciting.

With the season-ending PSA World Tour finals scheduled in Cairo, Egypt from June 20, the top players have decided to give the World Cup the miss.

Let the games begin: Tamil Nadu Sports Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin with Joshna and other players during the inaugural ceremony of Squash World Cup in Chennai on Monday. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

The organisers believe that the few tweaks they have attempted would help in taking the sport to the masses.

All the matches will be played to a best of five games to seven points (it's 11 points in general).

At 6-6, the game will still be played to seven points. In a tie, there will be four matches wherein the winner of the match between top seeds of opposing teams will get two points and the contest between second seeds will be one.

In the possibility of a draw in a tie, the winning team will be decided by the

> There is not much room for errors. Everybody will be more aggressive, but it will be fun and exciting.
> **JOSHNA**

greater positive difference between games won and lost. The eight teams–Egypt, India, Hong Kong, Japan, South Africa, Malaysia, Australia & Colombia–have some good competitive players inside the world's top 100.

Egypt is the top seed while India is seeded two. Pitted in Group B, India's toughest challenge will come from Japan that has in its ranks Satomi Watanabe, ranked World No.18 in the women's section and solid players in Ryunosuke Tsukue and Tomotake Endo (men).

India's Saurav Ghosal, Joshna Chinappa and Abhay Singh felt the new format with seven points is like a lottery and that upsets will always be around the corner. "The new point system favours both the players," said Joshna, India's best women's player.

"There is not much room for errors. Everybody will be more aggressive, but it will be fun and exciting."

Abhay, India's rising star, said "the seven-point thing might be a bit tricky." Saurav, World No.17, felt the new format will be a"bit alien" to all the teams and earlier they adapt the better it is.

India will take on Hong Kong (the other teams are Japan & South Africa) in its first group match on Tuesday.

'We are discussing venues for 2025 WC'

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

The World Squash has had a staggered existence so far. First, it was held in 1996 in Petaling Jaya (Malaysia), then in 's-Hertogenbosch (The Netherlands) in 1999 and then after a 12 year gap, it was conducted in 2011 in Chennai. Now, again the event has come to Chennai for the fourth edition.

From now onwards, it will be held every two years. Speaking to *The Hindu* here on Monday, Zena Wooldridge, World Squash Federation president said, "I don't know why it was not held regularly earlier as I was not part of it [decision making). Now the WSF board has given the provisional agreement to hold it every alternate year; the next World Cup will be in 2025. We are discussing the venues for that," she said.

Wooldridge. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Wooldridge assured that unlike this time where it has been placed at the end of the season, the World Cup in 2025 will be slotted in the right place of the calendar where all the top players can take part.

CLEAR CHOICE

Test cricket will remain my priority, says Starc

Mitchell Starc keeps away from the franchise cricket despite the handsome money on offer. “I enjoyed it (IPL), but Australia will always sit at the top. I don’t regret any of it. There’s been less than 500 men who have played it for Australia in Tests, that in itself makes it very special to be a part of it,” he added.

ON CLOUD NINE

It’s like trying to pick your favourite kid: Cummins on WTC win

Following his side’s ICC World Test Championship title win, Australian skipper Pat Cummins said that choosing between every ICC world title that they have won across all formats is like “trying to pick your favourite kid.” ”I do not know, it is probably like trying to pick your favourite kid, but it is satisfying,” he said.

SWING FACTOR

The Smith-Head show made the difference, says Finch

Former Australia skipper Aaron Finch believes the 285-run first innings partnership between Steve Smith and Travis Head made the difference in the WTC final against India at The Oval. "I think Travis Head and Steve Smith's partnership was the difference in the game, but that's just something Steve Smith does," Finch told 'SEN Radio'.

CLEARING THE FIRST HURDLE

Sakkari beats Wang, Vekic overcomes Bucsa’s challenge

Top-seeded Maria Sakkari of Greece defeated Xiyu Wang of China 6-2, 7-6(6) at the Nottingham Open on Monday while former champion Donna Vekic also advanced to the last 16 at the grass-court tournament. Croatia’s Vekic beat Cristina Bucsa of Spain 6-2, 4-6, 6-1. Vekic won the event in 2017 and lost in the final in '19.

Honest self-assessment and tough calls the need of the hour

Rohit’s instinctive decision to bowl first after seeing the dark clouds before the toss failed to produce the desired result

Far from the action: It was a puzzle to see Ashwin, right, missing in the huddle given that Australia had four left-handed batters at the top of the order. REUTERS

WTC FINAL

Ashwin Achal
LONDON

Even before the first delivery of the ICC World Test Championship Final was bowled, India was behind the eight ball. The team looked up to the sky before the toss, saw the dark clouds, and decided to field.

It was an instinctive distinction without keeping in mind that things are bound to change over five days. The help for the seamers lasted all of the first session before the sun came out and the pitch started to ease up.

India bowling coach Paras Mhambrey later stated that it was the “conditions in the morning” that prompted the inclusion of a fourth pacer. This led to off-spinner R. Ashwin, the top-ranked Test bowler in the world with proven excellence, carrying drinks.

Once Australia saw off the morning movement, it was smooth sailing. Under the scorching sun, runs came in a flurry from Travis Head and Steve Smith. Had Ashwin been around, the four southpaws in the Australia batting unit could have found the going tough.

But instead, pacer Umesh Yadav (presumably Ashwin’s replacement in the eleven) failed to make a mark. Australia went on to make an impressive 469 in the first essay – a total that head coach Rahul Dravid felt was well above the par score.

A result of indisciplined bowling, offering wide freebies to Head on far too many occasions, India never really recovered from a top-order collapse which left the team at 71 for four.

Shubman Gill and Cheteshwar Pujara were castled while shouldering arms and it was only fighting knocks from Ajinkya Rahane, Ravindra Jadeja and Shardul Thakur that kept the game alive. The trio prevented a quick demise, giving hope to the big contingent of India supporters at The Oval.

India’s second essay had no such silver lining. Rohit Sharma’s men had the straightforward task of batting a little more than four sessions, on a pitch that was difficult, but not impossible. Rohit, Gill and even Pujara took a positive approach - one that this team prides itself on. However, this forced Pujara out of his comfort zone as the gritty batter got out playing the ramp - a shot which is not his cup of tea.

The biggest disappointment came on the fifth day morning, when Virat Kohli was dismissed by the outstanding Scott Boland. The edge was a long time coming, as Kohli repeatedly jabbed hard away from body. The men behind the bat knew a chance would arrive sooner rather than later. Much like Pujara, Rahane paid the price for straying away from his space and a loose waft at a rising delivery was unbecoming of India’s mainstay in this match. K.S. Bharat, playing his fifth Test, did not inspire confidence at the crease.

So yet another ICC trophy went abegging. In the post-match press conference, a disappointed Rohit admitted that "winning a championship is the most important thing, rather than winning any series". A new WTC cycle offers renewed hope, but for this barren run to end, the honest self-assessment and tough calls must happen now.

‘Slow’ India, Australia fined; Gill to pay more

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

The Indian players were fined their entire match fee for slow over rate while opener Shubman Gill was docked an additional 15% for criticising the umpire’s decision during the WTC Final. The Australian players were fined 80% of their fee for slow over rate.

Gill was found guilty of “breaching Article 2.7 which relates to public criticism or inappropriate comment in relation to an incident occurring in an international match.” During India’s second innings, television umpire Richard Kettleborough had adjudged that the catch by Cameron Green to dismiss Gill had been taken cleanly. However, the next day, Gill posted on social media a TV grab in which the ball seemed to be touching the ground.

Schedule for India’s tour of WI announced

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

India will play two Tests, third ODIs and five T20Is during its tour of the West Indies.

The schedule: Tests: July 12-16 (Roseau), July 20-24 (Port of Spain), 7.30 p.m. IST start.
ODIs: July 27, 29 (Bridgetown); August 1 (Tarouba), 7 p.m.
T20Is: Aug. 3 (Tarouba), Aug. 6, 8 (Providence), Aug. 12, 13 (Lauderhill, Florida), 8.00 p.m.

Ten venues in draft schedule for ODI WC

Amol Karhadkar
PUNE

Twelve venues, including two only for warm-up matches, have been finalised for the 2023 men’s ODI World Cup, scheduled to begin in less than four months.

Despite BCCI secretary Jay Shah having stated last month that the official fixtures of the World Cup will be revealed during the World Test Championship, *The Hindu* understands that due to logistical issues yet to be sorted out by the BCCI, the ICC hasn’t been able to announce the schedule.

However, according to the draft schedule, the tournament will have 10 main venues, including three in the South. Of the main venues, only Hyderabad will host warm-up games too, with Thiruvananthapuram and Guwahati scheduled to stage only warm-up games.

Besides hosting the final, the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad is expected to host the tournament-opener between the last edition’s finalist England and New Zealand and the marquee clash between India and Pakistan.

With time running out for fans across the globe to make travel arrangements, the fixtures are likely to be officially announced later this week.

Meanwhile, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are set to co-host the Asia Cup jointly in September, with the BCCI agreeing to the proposal.

While Pakistan will play three or four games on home soil, all the other games, including the final, will be played in Sri Lanka.

The 2023 ODI World Cup hosts and host’s dates

VENUES

Main tournament: Dharamsala, Delhi, Lucknow, Pune, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata

Knockouts: Semifinals (Nov. 15 and 16): Mumbai and Chennai (the venues will be decided based on the teams)

FINAL (November 19): Ahmedabad

Warm-up matches: Hyderabad, Thiruvananthapuram and Guwahati

INDIA’S SCHEDULE (provisional)

- **Oct. 8:** vs Australia (Chennai)
- **Oct. 11:** vs Afghanistan (Delhi)
- **Oct. 15:** vs Pakistan (Ahmedabad)
- **Oct. 19:** vs Bangladesh (Pune)
- **Oct. 22:** vs New Zealand (Dharamsala)
- **Oct. 29:** vs England (Lucknow)
- **Nov. 2:** vs Qualifier (Mumbai)
- **Nov. 5:** vs South Africa (Kolkata)
- **Nov. 11:** vs Qualifier (Bengaluru)

Chhetri’s strike seals India’s berth in the summit clash

FOOTBALL

Amitabha Das Sharma
BHUBANESWAR

Sunil Chhetri’s late goal proved the difference between India and Vanuatu in their Intercontinental Cup match at the Kalinga Stadium here on Monday. The win put Igor Stimac’s men in the final.

The second round contest saw the hosts struggle before Chhetri’s 80th-minute strike – his 86th international goal – sealed the deal.

India made nine changes to the side that beat Mongolia in the opening match, retaining only captain Chhetri and central defender Sandesh Jhingan. The new combination could not find the right coordination, making the host’s gameplan go haywire. India lacked direction and the sluggish approach allowed Vanuatu the space to plan attacks.

Special one: Chhetri, second from right, dedicated his goal to his pregnant wife. BISWARANJAN ROUT

The first opportunity for India came in the 16th minute when Subhasish Bose fed Nandhakumar with an accurate pass, but the latter shot wide. Liston Colaco and Chhetri, too, missed chances.

Mahesh, who galvanised the left flank with numerous runs, set up Chhetri with a fine cross but the latter failed to connect the header. The Indians came alive after the hour-mark when Stimac effected four changes to spruce up the attack.

India had a gilt-edged chance to go ahead in the 77th minute but substitute Anirudh Thapa’s thundering left-footer was cleared by Vanuatu captain Brian Kaltack.

Three minutes later, Chhetri chested down a Subhasish Bose cross before unleashing a left-footed volley that found the target. The skipper dedicated his goal to his pregnant wife.

The results: India 1 (Sunil Chhetri 80) bt Vanuatu 0; Lebanon 0 drew with Mongolia 0.

GOAT debate can wait, champions of each generation have left a huge legacy: Djokovic

Lasting legacy: Djokovic’s 23 Grand Slam wins have made him the most prolific men’s tennis player. AFP

Associated Press
PARIS

For years, as the so-called Big Three dominated men’s tennis, the debate has swirled over who should be considered the “GOAT” – “Greatest of All-Time.”

No man has won as many Grand Slams as Novak Djokovic. After spending his entire career trying to accumulate as much hardware as rivals Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, Djokovic now stands alone atop the list.

He had been tied at 22 with Nadal. Federer, who announced his retirement last year, has 20.

There are those who want to make it purely about numbers, and Djokovic earns that crown.

In addition to the majors count, he has spent a record number of weeks at No. 1 in the rankings and has won each of the Masters 1000 events twice, while the other guys haven’t won each once.

There are those who want to make it about style, others who want to make it about intangibles. Then there are those who believe all three men deserve to be lauded and appreciated equally.

Disrespectful

“I mean, I don’t want to say that I am the greatest, because I feel it’s disrespectful towards all the great champions in different eras of our sport that was played in a completely different way than it is played today,” Djokovic said.

“I feel like each great champion of his own generation has left a huge mark, a legacy, and paved the way for us to be able to play this sport in such a great stage worldwide.”

Djokovic implied that he is planning to continue playing.

“Of course, the journey is still not over. I look forward, already, to Wimbledon.”

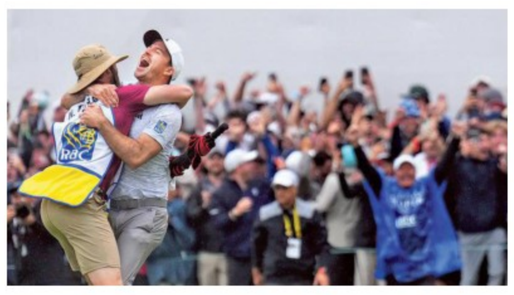
INBRIEF

Uruguay pips Italy to clinch maiden u-20 World Cup title

Uruguay beat Italy 1-0 on Sunday to win its first U-20 football World Cup title at La Plata. The victory ended a streak of four consecutive wins of European teams in the tournament. Luciano Rodríguez scored the winner in the 86th minute, giving Uruguay a much-deserved victory after an entire match of dominance against Italy. Israel beat South Korea 3-1 to secure third place.

Verona downs Spezia, stays in the Serie A

Hellas Verona will continue to play in the Italian top flight next season after it beat Spezia 3-1 in a relegation playoff on Sunday, sending its opponent down to Serie B. Marco Davide Faraoni opened the scoring in the fifth minute before Faraoni Cyril Ngonge scored twice in the 26th and 38th to help Verona secure its Serie A status. Ethan Ampadu reduced the margin in the 15th minute.



Taylor wins Canadian Open, first home champ since 1954

Nick Taylor became the first Canadian in 69 years to win his national open, holing a 72-foot eagle putt on the fourth playoff hole to beat Tommy Fleetwood in the RBC Canadian Open golf at Toronto. Taylor tossed his putter into the air and jumped into the arms of his caddie after the longest made putt of his PGA Tour career on Sunday.

Toppmoeller named Eintracht Frankfurt manager

Dino Toppmoeller has been named as the new manager of Bundesliga side Eintracht Frankfurt until 2026, the club announced on Monday. Toppmoeller had recently been employed as Julian Nagelsmann's assistant coach at Bayern Munich and was previously in the same role at RB Leipzig. Toppmoeller played 16 games for Frankfurt, scoring three times during a brief stint at the club in the 2002-03 season.

Murray claims first grass court title in seven years

Andy Murray stepped up his preparations for Wimbledon in style as he claimed his first grass court tennis title for seven years on Sunday by winning the Surbiton Trophy challenger event. The 36-year-old, who dropped just one set en route to the title, beat Austrian Jurij Rodionov 6-3, 6-2 either side of a three-hour rain delay. "It has been the perfect start to the grass season," said Murray.

Mehtab extends contact with MCFC until 2026

ISL franchise Mumbai City FC on Monday announced that Mehtab Singh has put pen to paper on a three-year contract extension, keeping him with the Islanders until May 2026. Since joining Mumbai City FC in 2020, the 25-year-old has gone from strength to strength and has imprinted himself as a pillar in the Islanders' defence.

LIVE TELECAST

BWF: Indonesia Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 a.m. onwards.

TNPL: Star Sports 3 & FanCode, 7 p.m.

PHL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7 & 8.30 p.m.

Confident: Prannoy will hope to go deep into the tournament where the creme-de-la-creme of world badminton is set to compete. AFP

Prannoy to lead India's charge

Sindhu and Srikanth will also look for good starts to their campaign, though they haven't been in the best of form this season

INDONESIA SUPER 1000

Press Trust of India
JAKARTA

The In-form H.S. Prannoy will be in the spotlight as India's top shuttlers gear up for some tough opening round matches at the Indonesia Open, a BWF Super 1000 tournament, beginning here on Tuesday.

Prannoy, who claimed the Malaysia Masters Super 300 title last month, looks promising to go deep into the tournament where the creme-de-la-creme of world badminton is set to compete.

The world No. 8 will be up against Kenta Nishimoto of Japan and victory in the first-round is likely to pit him against China's Shi Yuqi in the second.

P.V. Sindhu and K. Srikanth will also look for good starts to their campaign, though they haven't been in the best of form this season.

Task cut out

Sindhu made first-round exits from the last two events, while Srikanth had couple of quarterfinal finishes at Malaysia and Spain and will have their task cut out against Indonesia's Gregoria Mariska Tunjung and China's Lu Guang Zu respectively in the opening round.

Lakshya Sen showed sparks of regaining some form when he reached the last-four stage at the Thailand Open.

He will meet world No. 10 and eighth seed Lee Zii Jia of Malaysia.

The world No. 5 men's doubles duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will face nemesis Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo of Indonesia in the opening round.

M.R. Arjun and Dhruv Kapila, too, will have their tough ask as they face eight-seeded Malaysian pair of Ong Yew Sin and Teo Ee Yi in the men's doubles.

Former world No. 1 Saina Nehwal is pitted against seventh seed Chinese Wang Zhi Yi.

IOA says WFI elections on July 4, appoints Returning Officer

WRESTLING

Y. B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) on Monday appointed Justice (retd.) Mahesh Mittal, former Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court, the Returning Officer to conduct the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) elections on July 4.

"Elections are required to be conducted at the Special General Meeting of the WFI called on July 4, 2023...

"We look forward to your confirmation of acceptance and smooth conduct of the elections of WFI," IOA's joint secretary and acting CEO Kalyan Chaube wrote in a letter to Justice Mittal.

As the wrestlers returned to protest for a second time in April over several allegations, including sexual harassment, against former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, the Sports Ministry declared the initial call for elections on May 7 as null and void and asked the IOA to form an Ad-hoc Committee to run the WFI and hold its polls.

The IOA on April 27 decided to form an Ad-Hoc Committee, comprising Bhupender Singh Bajwa and Suma Shirur, and set a deadline of 45 days to complete the WFI elections.

Amid delays and pressure from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and United World Wrestling (UWW), the IOA finally announced the date for the polls.

Rashid rested, Afghanistan-Bangladesh Test tomorrow

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Afghanistan skipper Hashmatullah Shahidi is confident of his side's chances against Bangladesh in its one-off Test that starts on Wednesday, after more than two years, despite resting key leg-spinner Rashid Khan.

"Expectation is high, we are here to play good cricket and want to win the game.

"We play domestic first-class games and lots of players are involved in that." said Shahidi.

Afghanistan has won three of six Tests since being granted Test status in 2018 and is playing its first Test match since facing Zimbabwe in Abu Dhabi in March 2021.

National shotgun selection trials in Bhopal from today

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

The best of Indian shooters, including Ganemat Sekhon and Darshna Rathore who had recently clinched the silver and bronze medals in the World Cup in Almaty, will be in action in the fourth National shotgun selection trials scheduled to be staged at the Madhya Pradesh Academy in Bhopal from Tuesday.

There will also be Maheshwari Chauhan, Parinaaz Dhaliwal, Areeba Khan, Karttiki Singh Shaktawat, Rashmmi Rathore among other women skeet shooters apart from Ganemat and Darshna.

There are 18 women skeet shooters in the field.

Mairaj Ahmad Khan, Gurjoat Khangura, Anantjeet Singh Naruka and Angad Vir Singh Bajwa find themselves in the same squad in the men's skeet competition.

Abhay Singh Sekhon and Mohd. Sheeraz Sheikh complete the line up in the competitive group.

The men's skeet has 24 shooters.

There will be three rounds on the opening day of competition.

Two more rounds and the final will be staged for the skeet shooters on Wednesday.

After a day of training, the trap shooters will have competition spread over three days from June 16 to 18, with the first two days having two rounds each.

Aditi ends tied-49th, stays in LPGA rankings top-20

GALLOWAY (USA): Aditi Ashok ended in the tied-49th place at the ShopRite LPGA Classic golf on Sunday. Aditi carded 3-under 68 on the final day but finished at 2-under 211 for 54 holes.

She still stayed at the 20th spot in the Race to CME Globe ranking, which is the Order of Merit on LPGA Tour.

Ashleigh Buhai won the title with a 6-under 65.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Consolation win for Namibia

Namibia notched up a consolation win over Karnataka, by five wickets in the last game of the five-match series at Windhoek (Namibia) on Sunday. The series finished 3-2 in the visitors' favour. Put in to bat, Karnataka made 231, thanks to yet another half century from Nikin Jose (61, 55b, 4x4, 1x6). But the hosts chased down the score with more than 10 overs to spare, with the trio of Stephan Baard (59, 60b, 8x4), Michael van Lingen 56 (59b, 5x4, 2x6) and Gerhard Erasmus (59 n.o., 52b, 4x4, 3x6) coming good.

The scores: Karnataka 231 in 48.1 overs (Kishan Bedare 43, Nikin Jose 61, Bernard Scholtz 3/33, Handre Klazinge 3/56) lost to Namibia 236/5 in 39.1 overs (Stephan Baard 59, Michael van Lingen 56, Gerhard Erasmus 59 n.o., Michau du Preez 38).

Aishwarya to lead

A. Aishwarya will lead a 22-member Karnataka women's squad at the senior National football in Amritsar starting June 14.

The team: A. Aishwarya (Capt.), A. Dhanushree, T.S. Angel Maria, M. Manaasa, D. Janani, Simran Bhargava, Aruna Bag, E. Jayashree, Rupali Bauri, Tara Anand, V.G. Lekhashri, Arushi Santosh, Maithreyi Palasamudram, Tanvi Nair, Mithila Ramani, Rivka Ramji, Sanjita Niroula, Monalisha Marandi, Kaviya Pakkirisamy, Ruthu Sreenandan, Sunalinda Lawren, Aditi Jadhav.

Sharat scores a brace

Sharat Raj scored a brace as Binny FC beat Modern Boys FC 7-3 in the BDFA C-div league on Monday.

The results: Jupiters 3 (Akasah 22, Pritto Maria 33, 60+3) bt Vinayaka 1 (Tayeeb Sharief 60+1); Binny 7 (Harsha 12, Sharat Raj 7, 47, Manivanan 10, 42, D. Madan 29, K. Dharma 58) bt Modern Boys 3 (Nithan 28, D. Sunil 35, 48); Young Dynamos 6 (V. Vivek 7, 33, Sanjay 24, Vel Murugan 30+1, Tarun Chandan 51, O. Vignesh 56) bt Rovers 1 (Shahzin 62).

Vedanth stars in Stirred Sports FC's massive win

Vedanth Banerjee scored a hat-trick as Stirred Sports FC hammered Football Aura 12-0 in the KSFA North & South C-div football on Monday.

The results: Bangalore Champs FC 5 (Fayas 10, Akhil Eldhose 12, 15, 59, Sreejith 31) bt BOB Marley FC 0; Stried Sports FC 12 (Md. Shaj 3, 62, Vedanth Banerjee 16, 19, 35, K.S. Akshay 18, M. Avishek 30, Akshay Menon 52, 65, Karthikeyan 53, Kiran Kuamr 57, A.A. Ajayakumar 60) bt Football Aura 0.

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